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REMARKABLE DISCOVERY OF THE FIRST KNOWN SUMERIAN CULT-STATUES: THE LORD OF FERTILITY AND THE MOTHER GODDESS, OF ABOUT 3000 B.C. (HEIGHT OF THE GOD, INCLUDING BASE, ABOUT 30 IN.)

Here and on five other pages (two in colour) we illustrate new discoveries made at Tell Asmar, fifty miles north-east of Baghdad, by the Iraq Expedition of the Chicago University Oriental Institute, as described by Dr. Henry Frankfort on page 776. Mr. Seton Lloyd was again in immediate charge of the work at the temple, and Dr. Thorkild Jacobsen of that at the private houses. From this temple, which is of the Early Dynastic Sumerian period, datable to about 3000 B.C., came twelve complete statues, including

the first cult-statues (shown herewith) ever found in Babylonian excavations. The character of the goddess is indicated by the small statuette of her son, of which only the feet are preserved, let into the base. The base of the god's statue bears his triple symbol—gazelles, plants, and the lion-headed eagle, Imgi. The hair is blackened with bitumen, and the eyes inlaid with black limestone and shell. The cup which each grasps suggests the annual New Year feast following the union of god and goddess to ensure fertility.

PHOTOGRAPH BY MRS. RIGMOR JACOBSEN, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER TO THE IRAQ EXPEDITION OF CHICAGO UNIVERSITY ORIENTAL INSTITUTE.



BY G. K. CHESTERTON.

N EW movements in literature are those which Copy the last century but one. If they copy the last century, they are old-fashioned; but if it is quite clear that they are much more than a hundred years old, they are entirely fresh and original. It is true that there are certain literary men, claiming to inaugurate literary movements, who try to avoid the difficulty by various methods; as by writing their poetry upside down, or using words that consist entirely of consonants; or publishing a book of

entirely blank pages, with a few asterisks in the middle to show that there is a break in the narrative. These or similar scribes are conjectured to be trying to copy the literature of the next century. They may freely be left for that century—to forget. Moreover, parallel perversities, if not exactly the same ones, are also to be found scattered through the centuries of the past. Of such a kind, for instance, were the Renaissance games or sports which consisted of shortening or lengthening the lines of poetry, so as to make the whole poem a particular shape, such as the shape of a heart or a cross or an eagle. Anyhow, if we eliminate a few such eccentric experimentalists, who think they anticipate the intelligence of the future by being unintelligible in the present, the general rule about change and rejuvenation in literature is much as I have stated it. It is essential for the pioneer and prophet, not so much to go forward very far, as to go back far enough. The general rule is to skip a century, as some hereditary features are said to skip a gener-There is something very about this system of alternation, black and white like a chess-board. It is as if every man always hated his father and adored his grandfather.

About some epochs of culture, all this is fairly well known and fairly widely admitted. Most people realise, for instance, that the Romantics of the nineteenth century were appealing back to the more purely poetical poets of the seventeenth century, against the almost prosaic poets of the eighteenth. Indeed, Romanticism, though it so often went with Revolutionism, was in its very nature a more general appeal to the past. Perhaps the most genuinely and practically effective populariser of the new Romanticism was Sir Walter Scott, whose truest title is The Antiquary. But the same is true, of course, of the other Romantics who were not, as Scott was, personally Tory and traditional. Coleridge's "Ancient Mariner" was taken as the very type of a new and original and even fantastic form in literature. Yet the "Ancient Mariner" has a form, and it happens to be an entirely antiquated form. The Ancient Mariner was a very Ancient Mariner. The very defects of that amazing ballad are the defects of a swagger of antiquity, like the needless outrage of calling the Mariner a Mari-Even Byron was always looking backward, and he died not for the

modern Liberals, but for the ancient Greeks. Had he been a true Progressive, and observed the gradual improvement in all things, by the substitution of higher for lower civilisation, he would, of course, have preferred to reverence the more recent phenomenon of the Turks. But, generally speaking, it is true to say that the modern Romantics were not really looking to the sunrise; they were pursuing a most gorgeous and glorious sunset, of which the last trail and after-glow vanished with Crashaw and the Cavalier mystics. The men of the seventeenth century; the men of the last century but one.

What is not so clearly seen is that the same is true of the twentieth century; and the twentieth century also is copying the last century but one. In short, it is copying the eighteenth century, and especially all that was most hated and condemned in the work of the eighteenth century. This is specially true of two outstanding features which many have thought to be a great deal too outstanding. They specially imitate, among the elements of the eighteenth century, its coarseness and its coldness.

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FIFTH-CENTURY CODEX OF THE NEW TESTAMENT, IN SYRIAC, DISCOVERED

ARMENIAN MONASTERY: A TYPICAL PAGE OF THE MANUSCRIPT, WITH OF THE 15TH CHAPTER OF ST. MARK, DESCRIBING THE CRUCIFIXION.

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(by Dr. Rendel Harris, the Biblical scholar, in the Jacobite Syrian monastery of Harput, and an earlier manuscript in the Syrian Church), almost contemporary with the great on which the text is based. Considering their antiquity, they are in a remarkably good preservation. The earlier manuscript (here illustrated), written between 40 and 550 A.D., large Estrangelo script, occupies 100 leaves of vellum, and contains nearly the whole of east of St. Mark and St. Luke, with about three-quarters of St. John. The Peshitta Version attributed to Rabbula, Bishop of Edessa from 411 to 435 A.D., who is recorded to have the New Testament from Greek into Syriac. Some critics consider the Syriac version the and the Peshitta dialect the language spoken by Our Lord and the Apostles. The newly anuscripts were entrusted to Messrs. William H. Robinson, Ltd., of Pall Mall, who have the two for sale for £3500, and placed them on exhibition for a short time from May 14.

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1 do not necessarily use these terms merely as terms of abuse; it is much more important that the new writers themselves will use them as terms of praise They would describe the coarseness as candour and the coldness as detachment; and in this again the eighteenth and the twentieth centuries would meet. But we get no further in such a matter by selecting terms of praise or blame for an objective fact of history. A young writer to-day does not admit that he is less educated because he uses the words which old writers learned in the gutter and the greasy tavern. He does not admit that he is less humanistic because

his characters behave in as inhuman a manner as the tricky and treacherous and heartless lovers in the old cynical comedies.

These new writers are making a new attempt to find civilisation along the old rationalistic road, which is now nearly two hundred years old, rather than along the romantic road, which is only a hundred. Allowing for the inevitable but incidental difference in the details of the day, which have to be discussed, the spirit of the Very Modern Young

Man is the spirit of a man in a three cornered hat and a powdered wig. Much as may be said about disorder in the arts, there is another side to the recent realism of literature. It has its own kind of neatness, just as it has its own kind of nastiness. The same can be said of the detailed drawings of Hogarth. Even its extravagances are more often satires and less often visions. Mr. Aldous Huxley much more clearly suggests a return to Swift than an extension of Yeats. Mr. Yeats will not care about that, partly because he is too great a man to care, and partly because nobody has a finer admiration for Swift than he. But obviously the ruthlessness of "Brave New World" is more like the ruthlessness of "Gulliver's Travels" than it is like the more optimistic ruthlessness of the nineteenthcentury visits to Utopia or the Earthly Paradise, in books like "News From Nowhere" or "New Worlds For Old." It is equally obvious, in the debates about sex, that men like Mr. Aldous Huxley, following on men like Mr. Bernard Shaw, have been merely rebelling against that Romance which was itself a rebellion; a rebellion against the realism and common sense of the age of rapiers and snuff-boxes. Much that is called immoral in a modern novel might have been called highly moral in an eighteenth-century tract warning the young of the close connection between the girls and the gallows. Sentimentalism is a mere catch-word; but, anyhow, we do not entirely solve the puzzle we call Progress by looking at the pictures of The Rake's Progress or The Harlot's Progress. Those who despise sentine talking now have rather a tendency to talk as if nobody had ever despised sentimentalism before.

And so the rather feverish youthful genius, in Chelsea or Bloomsbury, feels that he alone has flung off all the fetters of all the ages when he braces himself with a bold effort to say something daring and destructive, and then says exactly what Dr. Johnson would have

Nobody supposes such parallels are complete. Nobody supposes that such comparisons are concerned with mere copies. It does not follow that the new writer has not something in him that is really new; or, what is much more important, something that s really his own. The point is that such inspiration as he does invoke does not come from the newer things, from the older things. The poets

but rather from the older things. The of the Sitwell family, for instance, have both chaffed and flattered for introducing newer things; but, in fact, they are particularly fond of the older things. Their taste in gimcracks is exactly the eighteenth-century taste; when one of them gives Apollo a "golden peruke," we see a hundred embroidered pictures or painted tiles in old mansions and museums; and Miss Edith Sitwell has written what would be the if it were not the only, sustained eulogy on Pope.

THE KING AND QUEEN AND THE LONDON SEASON: ROYAL ACTIVITIES—CHARITABLE, SPORTING, MUSICAL, AND MASONIC.



THEIR MAJESTIES AT KEMPTON PARK: THE KING AND QUEEN IN THE ROYAL BOX WITH THE PRINCESS ROYAL; AND WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO WAS MAKING HIS FIRST VISIT TO A RACE MEETING.



THE VISIT TO THE MASONIC PEACE MEMORIAL BUILDING: THE KING, FOLLOWED BY THE QUEEN, ABOUT TO ENTER HIS MOTOR; WITH THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, THE GRAND MASTER, SEEN BEHIND HIS MAJESTY.

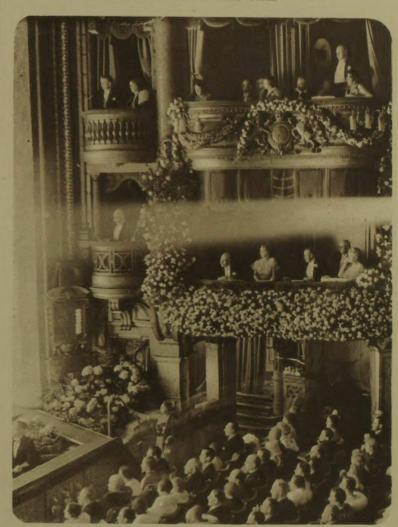


AT THE ALBERT HALL: THE KING AND QUEEN ACCOMPANIED BY THE PRINCESS ROYAL; WITH PRINCESS PAUL OF YUGOSLAVIA (WITH BOUQUET); AND SIR WALFORD DAVIES, MASTER OF THE KING'S MUSICK, ON THE LEFT.

Their Majesties the King and Queen returned to Buckingham Palace on May 7, from Windsor Castle, where the Court had been since just after Easter. On that day a salute of 41 guns was fired in Hyde Park in honour of the anniversary of the King's Accession to the Throne, which fell on Sunday, May 6. Next year will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of his Majesty's Accession, and will be the occasion of special celebrations. On May 8 their Majesties attended the Command Variety Performance at the London Palladium. On May 11 they attended a concert in the Albert Hall in aid of the Musicians' Benevolent Fund.



HIS MAJESTY RIDING IN THE ROW; ACKNOWLEDGING THE SALUTES OF PASSERS-BY IN HYDE PARK.



AT THE COMMAND VARIETY PERFORMANCE AT THE PALLADIUM: THEIR MAJESTIES IN THE ROYAL BOX WITH THE EARL OF ATHLONE AND PRINCESS ALICE, COUNTESS OF ATHLONE.

They were present at Kempton Park on May 12, and saw Mr. Ernest Thornton-Smith's Cotoneaster win the Jubilee Handicap. Accompanying their Majesties were the Princess Royal and Lord Harewood. The Prime Minister also spent some time in the Royal Box—the first occasion, it is believed, that he has visited a race meeting. On May 13 there was a royal visit to the Masonic Peace Memorial building; followed by one to the Royal Academy. Courts were arranged for May 15 and 16; also for June 12 and 13. As we write, it is understood that the King and Queen will spend Whitsun at Sandringham.

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THE UNITED STATES AIRCRAFT-CARRIER "LEXINGTON" BREAKING THROUGH A SMOKE-SCREEN LAID DOWN BY NAVAL AEROPLANES IN MANŒUVRES OFF THE PANAMA CANAL: AN AIR VIEW SHOWING A CLUSTER OF PLANES GROUPED ON THE FORWARD END OF THE FLYING-DECK.



"FLOATING AERODROMES" OF THE U.S. NAVY SEEN FROM AN AMERICAN DIRIGIBLE (PARTLY VISIBLE ABOVE): THE AIRCRAFT-CARRIERS "LEXINGTON" AND "SARATOGA." WITH A SMALLER AUXILIARY, THE "PATOKA" (IN THE FOREGROUND), WHICH IS FITTED WITH A MOORING-MAST FOR AIRSHIPS.

In view of current controversy over the vital problem of our own air forces, for naval and military defensive purposes, the paramount part played by the air arm of the United States Navy, during its recent manceuvres and mimic battles at both ends of the Panama Canal and in the Caribbean Sea, is a matter of extreme interest in this country. The above photographs, we should mention, do not show the actual exercises just concluded, but three of them were taken during previous manœuvres, in which several of the same aircraft-carriers and other ships participated. The plans for the recent operations provided that the U.S. Pacific Fleet of 113 ships

should reach the Canal Zone on April 21 and remain there until May 5, passing through the Canal early in May and thus leaving the Pacific for the first time in two years. It was arranged that on May 13 the Fleet should go to Guantanamo, Cuba, remain there till May 25, and then proceed to New York to be reviewed by the President, outside the harbour, on May 31. During April a "battle" was fought at the Pacific entrance to the Canal between the attacking Fleet and a defending army. Three naval air raids were made on the land fortifications, and the aircraft "bombed" two aerodromes. On the other hand, the land defence airmen,

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WHILE TRAVELLING AT SPEED IN THE PACIFIC DURING BATTLE PRACTICE—AN OVERHEAD VIEW FROM THE AIR.



ONE OF THE LATEST ADDITIONS TO THE AMERICAN FLEET SEEN FROM THE AIR DURING HER TRIALS: THE U.S.S. "SAN FRANCISCO," THE FIRST COMMISSIONED OF EIGHT NEW 10,000-TON HEAVY CRUISERS, WITH 8-INCH GUNS, TO COMPLETE A TOTAL OF EIGHTEEN TREATY SHIPS OF THAT TYPE.

starting from more distant aerodromes, claimed to have successfully bombed two starting from more until accordance, claimed to have successfully bonned two aircraft-carriers—the "Lexington," [100 miles out from Balboa, and the "Langley," known as the "Covered Wagon." For the great mimic battle in the Carribbean the Fleet was divided into two forces—the "Creys," an "enemy" holding captured bases in the West Indies; and the "Blues," advancing against them from the Panama Canal. The "Blues" had a preponderance in aircraft, totalling 230 aeroplanes, some operating from land and others from the carriers "Langley" and Saratoga," which houses eighty machines, while the airship "Macon," the world's

largest dirigible, carrying four small scout planes launched from a trapeze, operated from Guantanamo. The "Greys" had 125 aeroplanes, all based afloat, including the eighty housed in the carrier "Lexington." With these and submarines the "Greys" picked off battle-ships and cruisers. The general result of the five days' "battle" was to reveal the deadly nature of naval warfare under modern conditions and the immensely destructive power of aircraft. Admiral Sellers, the Commanderin-Chief, who acted as umpire, estimated that no less than a quarter of the ships engaged had been "destroyed." The airship "Macon" succumbed to "Grey" aeroplanes.



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ANOTHER CATHERINE.

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THAT "The Scarlet Empress" came to the Carlton in the wake of "Catherine the Great," thereby labouring under all the disadvantages of the successor to a success, is due only to the vicissitudes of distribution, for both films were made simultaneously in different countries, and ought, therefore, to owe each other nothing in ideas or originality. It is natural that they should be compared, since both deal with the same historical episode and treat it in a similar spirit—that half-psychological, half-burlesque attitude which modern biographers adopt towards great figures of the past. It is also inevitable, though perhaps unfortunate, that such comparison must be made in the light of their respective players, particularly the players of the title-rôle. The character of Catherine of Russia is notoriously subject to wide historical fluctuations, a circumstance which permitted the casting of Miss Elisabeth Bergner in the former version as a sensitive, pathetically eager young girl marrying into a royal house for love which permitted the casting of Miss Elisabeth Bergner in the former version as a sensitive, pathetically eager young girl marrying into a royal house for love of its capricious scion. Where she failed to carry conviction was as that maturer Catherine, Empress. of All the Russias, who overthrew her degenerate consort, schooled the unruly nobles with an iron hand, and brought her chaotic dominions to order and prosperity. Miss Marlene Dietrich is that Empress. Uncertain, even gauche, in the early tribulations of girlhood—her bewilderment is that of stupidity, not of simplicity—once the crown is upon her lovely head she is completely at home. When she saunters in uniform between the ranks of her guards, many of whom are her lovers, all of whom are her slaves, she is a leader of men. When she coolly

rigidly spared, giving space for at least one piece of effective symbolism—the miniature of a faithless lover, flung from a window by Catherine, dropping slowly from branch to branch of the tree beneath. The minor characters are sharply and economically drawn: the imbecile Tsar Peter by Mr. Sam Jaffe as a drooling monster—in striking contrast to the perverted daintiness



MARLENE DIETRICH AS CATHERINE THE GREAT IN "THE SCARLET EMPRESS"; WITH JOHN LODGE (LEFT) AS COUNT ALEXEI, AND C. AUBREY SMITH AS PRINCE AUGUST.

The Hollywood version of Catherine the Great began its run at the Carlton Theatre on May 9. It is a Paramount film, directed by Josef von Sternberg, with Marlene Dietrich in the chief part. It is reviewed on this page.

of Mr. Douglas Fairbanks, Junior's, characterisation—the old Empress Elizabeth by Miss Louise Dresser, raucous and formidable. If her dignity suffers before an English audience through her American accent, she still remains a vigorous and impressive figure. Mr. John Lodge as the Count Alexei heads a succession of handsome lovers with singular aplomb, and the cast as a whole gives collective support to the radiance of its star.

TWO WILD MEN.

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In "Man of Two Worlds," recently seen at the Plaza, Mr. Francis Lederer made his début as an Eskimo who falls in love with an English girl's photograph. Endowed with the pantheism of his belief, her spirit guides him through many hazards, till a well - meaning explorer brings him to London, where his dream is inevitably shattered by reality, and he returns broken-hearted to his native hunting. Faced with so exacting a rôle, Mr. Lederer

has resolutely forsworn the matinée-idol heroics of Tyrolean romance. His task in this difficult initiation has been lightened by the imaginative direction of J. Walter Reuben, who is at present at work on "Java Head" at the Ealing studios of Q.T.P., so that British films may yet be partially revenged for the loss of Lederer.

The Pancho Villa of Mr. Wallace Beery springs from a heart not unduly hampered by head—a familiar figure not greatly different from those that the actor has so successfully given in the past in such films as "Min and Bill," "Tugboat Annie," and "The Bowery"; a bandit who rides hard and shoots straight, with a ruthlessness tempered by a soft heart—the characteristic Beery paradox. Moved by the wrongs of his people, tears spring luxuriously into the eye that a moment ago leered with unparalleled ferocity. The ruffian who has waded through blood to dictatorship is childishly bewildered in the dignity of his office. The incongruity of such situations dissolves in the actor's obvious sincerity, no less effective because it is so obvious. The Beery method is simple and direct, scorning those subtleties which conscious study of a part may suggest to the actor, and which he in turn may suggest to his audience. Since kinema audiences as a general rule resent being made to think, there is no doubt that "Viva Villa!" will enjoy a popular vogue at the Empire, and one even greater after its provincial release. It moves



WALLACE BEERY AS A MEXICAN BANDIT: "VIVA VILLA!" AT THE EMPIRE CINEMA.

A new spectacular M.-G.-M. film, "Viva Villa!", reviewed on this page, has Wallace Beery as the hero-bandit, Villa. There is also Fay Wray and a cast of 10,000.



SONNIE HALE AND MICK THE MILLER STAR TOGETHER WILD BOY": A GAINSBOROUGH FILM AT THE CAPITOL.

The famous greyhound, Mick the Miller, has an important part in this new British film. It has some fine dog-racing scenes.

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stares her abject, malignant husband from gibbering head to shuffling foot, it is with an Imperial stare. Here, we feel, may well be the Catherine of history, in the face of any anachronism. Miss Dietrich may be forgiven her weakness in the early stages of this film—and, indeed, of any other film—in the complete triumph which she achieves at its climax, when she tolls with her own hand the bell which rings her victory to the cheering crowds below. This bell proclaims another, more personal victory—the sovereignty of Dietrich the Great.

In justice to Miss Bergner, comparison must also be made between the style of the two productions, of which she was by far the less well served. Korda's settings and the scale of his conception pale sadly before the perfection of Paramount, which reflects the exotic semi-barbarism of the period with a spacious generosity which commands belief. The scene that it presents is a Russian scene, from the humblest moujik to the palace whose gorgeous walls echo to the clatter of Catherine's Cossacks, riding up the broad staircase to set her with outlandish revelry upon the throne. Josef von Sternberg's direction is unchallengeable on its own specialised ground. He has developed the story with the star's personality constantly in mind (and who should know her better than he?), swiftly skirting intellectual pitfalls in order to dwell on those emotional crises in which she excels. Nor has he been tempted by the lavish panoply of court and market-place, which is



GEORGE ARLISS (LEFT CENTRE) AS NATHAN ROTHSCHILD IN "THE HOUSE OF ROTHSCHILD": AN EPIC OF THE GREAT JEWISH FAMILY.

George Arliss doubles the parts of the father, Mayer Rothschild, and of Nathan Rothschild in this new film, whose cast also includes Boris Karloff, Loretta Young, and Robert Young.

The film is to start at the Tivoli on May 24.

with fine gusto and a great deal of bloodshed, with humour and sentiment in abundance. Those who expect to see another "Thunder Over Mexico" will be disappointed. Jack Conway is no Eisenstein and was dogged by a remarkable series of misfortunes. Taking over the direction at second-hand, he lost his second lead in Lee Tracy's dismissal for bad behaviour, then had a quantity of shot film destroyed in an aeroplane accident, and finally saw his complete work rigorously censored by the Mexican Government, unusually jealous of its political reputation. He has, in spite of all, contrived to put on a colossal spectacle of guerilla warfare which is almost as orgiastic in its floggings and massacres as it is in its poignant leave-takings and death-scenes. Mr. Beery is equally capable in either extremity, taking life or yielding it up with a right good will. It is interesting to speculate as to what Mr. Francis Lederer would have made of the same part. Possibly there would have been less shooting and fewer farewells. Possibly we should have seen Pancho Villa as he really was. At least we should have seen him as he might have been.

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LONDON AUDIENCES AS BLAMPIED SEES THEM: "THE DRESS CIRCLE."



"REACTIONS TO COMEDY."

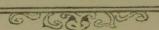


We here offer our readers the seventh and eighth drawings in our most recent series of studies by that eminent modern artist, Edmund Blampied. Nos. 5 and 6 of this series appeared in our issue of May 12, and showed the reactions

of the audience in the Boxes, in contrast to that of the Dress Circle, seen here. Before that we had given drawings by Blampied showing the reactions of the audience in the Gallery and the Stalls.



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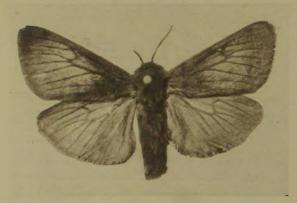




SOME NEW FACTS ABOUT AQUATIC CATERPILLARS.

By W. P. PYCRAFT, F.Z.S., Author of "Camouflage in Nature," "The Courtship of Animals," "Random Gleanings from Nature's Fields," etc.

M OST of us who live in the country do so because we love it. The restfulness, the changefulness, the flowers and fruits in their season, give a sense of satisfaction that no great city can give us. But even these nature-lovers rarely seem to find what I may call the well-springs of the pageant of life which they watch with such enjoyment, though as from a distance. Yet it is possible, if we can conjure up that spirit of "satiable curiosity" which, according to Rudyard Kipling, gave the elephant his trunk, to get some sort of a grasp of the "ferment" of life which gives the pageant its glories. And we shall gain thereby a precious insight into



ONE OF THE REMARKABLE MARSH-MOTHS OF OUTH AMERICA: PALUSTRA BURMEISTERI, WHOSE CATERPILLAR-STAGE IS PASSED UNDER WATER.

The genus Palustra, including several species, is found in South America, and is remarkable for the fact that the caterpillar-stage is passed under water. A further study of this remarkable state of affairs might reveal some clue to the origin of the strange change of habitat from the land to the water which these and other caterpillars described on this page have made. One of the china-mark moths (Hydrocampa nympheala), it may be noted, provides a case of a common British species whose larva is aquatic.

the sources and nature of our own being and our emotions. These are the last things we think about, and they should be the first. What a vast difference this knowledge would make in the moulding of our lives and conduct !

One of the first things we discover about living bodies, whether of plants or animals, is their capacity for adjustment to the conditions of life, so that there shall be no round pegs in square holes. Living matter responds, as to a tuning-fork, to stimuli-percussion and repercussion not only keeping stagnation at bay, but constantly finding expression in new forms. Some types of animal life bring out this aspect of life with surprising clearness, as in the insects, for example. For the beetles alone constitute the largest group in the whole animal kingdom, numbering over 180,000 known species! That is to say, there are 180,000 variations on our concept of the



THIRD SPECIES OF MARSH-MOTH: PALUSTRA AZOLLE, WHICH, IN THE CATERPILLAR-STAGE, FEEDS ON DUCKWEED AND THE SOUTH AMERICAN POND-WEED AZOLLA, WHICH HAS FOUND ENTRANCE INTO OUR PONDS AND DITCHES.

term "beetle." And then there are over 50,000 known species of butterflies and moths, which contain some of the jewels of the insect-world. What agencies

bring about this amazing plasticity and diversity?

One can only tackle such a problem "piecemeal."

Just now I have in mind certain moths, whose larval or caterpillar stages are passed under water. Some considerable time ago, on this page, I described some of these caterpillars. But I have since come across

additional facts concerning them, and some other caterpillars belonging to a very different group of moths; and these seem to me of sufficient interest to justify a return to this theme. To begin with, one always associates caterpillars with cabbages and our choice garden-crops and trees. Since the days of the Plagues of Egypt they have harassed Some have forsaken the husbandmen and taken to feeding on old clothes and choice tapestries, or even on flour and biscuits. This is common know-ledge. But the fact that some pass the days of their infancy under water is surely a matter for surprise. How could such a profound change in habitat have come about?

One group of these water-dwellers, of the family Eupterotidæ, is nearly related to the silkworm-moths; another, which I described on this page some time ago, to the grass-moths (*Pyralidæ*), two widely distinct and unrelated families. But I found there was yet a third case when I had occasion to appeal to Lord Rothschild—than whom there is no authority on butterflies and moths, as well as birds and beasts-for help in disentangling the history of caterpillars of the genus Palustra, members of the family Eupterotidæ just referred to.

Let me take the story of Palustra first. There are five species, and all of them moths of dull coloration. But the larval or caterpillar stage is passed entirely under water; each species displaying its own peculiarities in the matter of its mode of life in this most un-caterpillar-like environment. All these, apparently, as larvæ, are aquatic. But the complete



ANOTHER SPECIES OF SOUTH AMERICAN MARSH-MOTH WITH AN AQUATIC CATERPILLAR-STAGE:

PALUSTRA LABOULBENI, WHEREIN THE COCOON

DIFFERS CONSPICUOUSLY FROM THAT OF P. BURMEISTERI, THE MOTH SEEN IN FIG. 1.

history of their mode of life has by no means yet been traced out, and the accounts so far published evidently need revision. They swim, we are told, by wriggling movements of the body, and breathe by means of air entangled in tufts of hair along the back; while the spiracles, or surface-openings to the tracheæ, or breath-

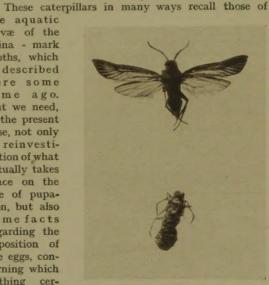
ing-tubes, common to all insects, are greatly reduced in size. This, however, would not of necessity imply that these spiracles can no longer admit air. Their reduction may be due to the need for keeping out the water.

The food-plant seems to differ in each species, as with land caterpillars. Palustra azollæ feeds upon duckweed (*Lemna*) and that lowly pond-weed which has found entry pinto our ponds and ditches, Azolla. But it is said to eat, not the submerged portions, but only such as are exposed on the surface, thrusting its head out of the water for this purpose. The other species, apparently, feed only on the submerged portions of their particular food-

plant. When we come to the final stages of this larval life, the transformation into the chrysalis, we find an urgent need of further study. Palustra azollæ is said to pupate in the upper parts of the azollæ is said to pupate in the upper parts of the food-plant, and sometimes to migrate to the banks of the stream. In both cases the chrysalis is enclosed in a silken case. Palustra burmeisteri, on the contrary, is said to follow a strikingly different course, the caterpillars congregating to prepare for this resting stage. One having spun its cocoon,

the rest follow suit, each attaching its silken shroud to that of its neighbour. This account is, to say the least, unconvincing. But here, for the present, the matter must rest. It may, after all, prove to be an accurate description, for in nature we so often find that it is the impossible which happens!

the aquatic larvæ of the china - mark moths, which I described here some time ago. But we need, in the present case, not only a reinvestigation of what actually takes place on the eve of pupation, but also some facts regarding the deposition of the eggs, concerning which nothing certain is known, even in the case of the china - marks. A related species, Paraonyx, is believed to descend beneath the water of



3. THE MOST INTENSIVELY AQUATIC OF ALL MOTHS: THE MALE OF ACENTROPUS NIVEUS; AND THE WINGLESS FEMALE, WHICH LIVES UNDER WATER.

At breeding time the males of Acentropus congregate on the surface of the water, and, seizing hold of a female, are often, if not always, dragged down under water to complete the pairing—and die!

rapid streams and fasten her eggs to the stems of plants growing there. In one of the grassmoths, Acentropus, the males are sometimes to be found in large numbers fluttering over the water. The female, which is wingless, is entirely water and sometimes to the surface for variety when aquatic, and comes to the surface for pairing, when she drags her mate down with her. Truly a dismal wedding!

But Lord Rothschild has kindly told me of yet another aquatic caterpillar, discovered in Hungary another aquatic caterpillar, discovered in Hungary some years ago by his brother, the Hon. Charles Rothschild, who rendered such fine services to the study of entomology before his lamented death. This particular species is *Diacrisia metalbana*, and it certainly does not, I am told, collect air in its hairs, but swims freely at the surface. If and when it dived, it came up regularly

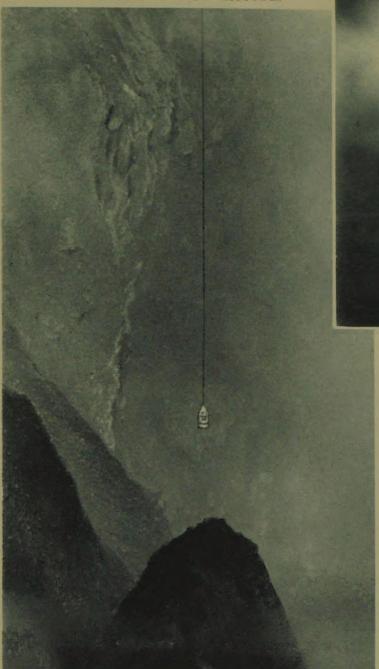
Now, these observations were the result of a long study of these creatures by one of the



5. A HUNGARIAN MOTH WITH AN AQUATIC LARVA: DIACRISIA METALBANA, WHOSE HABITS WERE CAREFULLY STUDIED SOME YEARS AGO BY THE HON. CHARLES ROTHSCHILD.

foremost entomologists of his time. He never "jumped at conclusions" or committed himself to a statement that was not based on repeated and laborious study. Bearing these facts in mind, one feels that, while there can be no question about the aquatic habitat of the caterpillars of Palustra, the details of their mode of life demand a further and more intensive study than they have so far received. Unfortunately their haunts are not within easy reach of expert entomologists.

Down a Suicides Crater-To Discredit It as a Death Scene and to Create a New Record.



1250-FT. DESCENT INTO MIHARA YAMA, AN ACTIVE VOLCANIC CRATER ON OSHIMA ISLAND, OFF TOKYO BAY: THE LAST SEEN OF THE STEEL "GONDOLA" HOLDING TWO JOURNALISTS, DRESSED IN ASBESTOS, AS IT WAS LOWERED INTO THE SULPHUROUS MISTS.



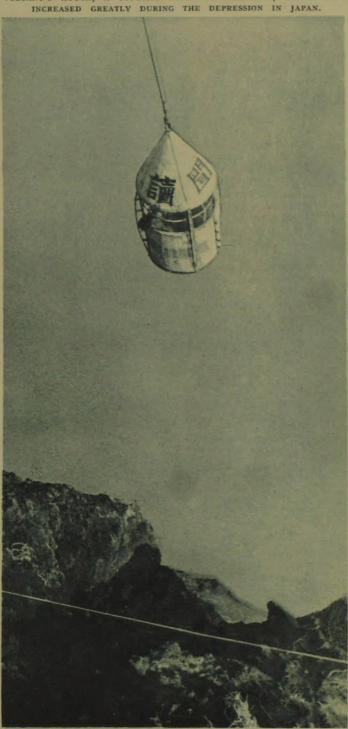
THE CRATER OF MIHARA YAMA, WHOSE SUPPOSED SACREDNESS THE JOURNALISTS SOUGHT TO DISCREDIT: AN AERIAL VIEW OF THE VOLCANO'S MOUTH, A POPULAR PLACE FOR SUICIDES, WHICH HAVE INCREASED GREATLY DURING THE DEPRESSION IN JAPAN.

Oshima is well known to all travellers who have entered Japan by way of Yokohama. It is dominated by the active volcano Mihara Yama, whose main interest to-day lies in the fact that its crater has become a popular place for suicides! As everyone knows, "hara-kiri" is consuicides ! sidered an honourable act in Japan; but recently the authorities have been making an effort to stop the suicides en masse that have been taking place since the depression made itself felt. Over two hundred persons plunged into the crater of Mihara Yama last year. With the idea of dispelling the belief that Mihara Yama is a sacred place in which suicides may find eternal rest in the flames of the volcano, a Tokyo newspaper, the [Continued below.



JUST BEFORE THE DESCENT INTO MIHARA YAMA—MADE IN THE HOPE OF LESSENING THE NUMBER OF SUICIDES THERE: THE CRANE BY WHICH THE STEEL "GONDOLA" HOLDING THE JOURNALISTS WAS LOWERED INTO THE CRATER; AND THE "GONDOLA" ITSELF (LEFT).

"Yomiuiri Shimbun," decided to sponsor a descent into the crater, and, if possible, outdo the Stromboli record of 805 feet into the earth, made by the seismologist, A. Kerner. Two members of the staff of the paper—protected by asbestos suits and wearing gas-masks—entered—a steel "gondola" shaped like a shell; were swung out by a crane, and were lowered into the abyss. At about five hundred feet down the air seemed to clear and the sides of the crater could be seen, with lava and mud bubbling out of deep fissures. Every five minutes or so loud explosions broke the deathly silence. Some seven hundred feet down the body of a suicide was seen,



THE "GONDOLA" BEING LOWERED INTO THE OSHIMA "TARTARUS": ONE OF THE JOURNALISTS (WHO WERE IN TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION WITH THE SURFACE) USING HIS CAMERA FROM THE "WINDOW."

but attempts to recover it were unsuccessful. Later the remains of numerous other but attempts to recover it were unsuccessful. Later the remains of numerous other unfortunates were seen, and at one spot there was the sad spectacle of two little café waitresses in their kimonos lying close together on the same ledge. Reaching 1250 feet, the observers gave the order to pull up the "gondola." It was not that the heat was unbearable, but that the force of the eruptions, increasing as the explorers neared the lava bed, made the "gondola" swing so violently that there was a danger of its being dashed against the crater's walls. The Stromboli record had been broken; though photographs could not be taken below six hundred feet.

Gibbs, and built in the famous yards of Messrs. Blohm and

Voss, at Hamburg.

The scheme of decor-

ation was the work

of Mr. Morgan Crom-

well Wells, and, as our illustrations show, the result is

triumph of comfort,

taste, and elegance.

The yacht's equip-ment includes a

Sperry Gyro stabiliser, which, we understand, has

operated most satis-

factorily in mini-

mising the rolling of the ship. She is 407 ft. in length,

with a maximum

displacement of over 6100 tons.

THE DINING-ROOM IN THE "SAVARONA": AN APARTMENT DECORATED ON FRENCH LINES, WITH LOUIS XVI. CHAIRS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO ONE PERIOD; (IN BACKGROUND) A CHINOISERIE PAINTING ABOVE A REGENCY SIDEBOARD.

INTERIOR DECORATION OF A FLOATING PALACE: THE LUXURY IN THE

PHOTOGRAPHS BY COURTESY OF GEORGE

STEAM-YACHT "SAVARONA"



PASTEL SHADE OF PEACH, WITH BLUE MOULDINGS; FRENCH CHAIRS; AND CHESTS OF ANTIQUE BLUE. THE BED-ROOM IN THE OWNERS' SUITE: WALLS IN A



THE SMOKING-ROOM: TEAK PANELLING; WALNUT FURNITURE IN COVERINGS OF BROWN, GREEN, AND RUST SHADES; OVER THE STONE FIREFLACE A MARINE PAINTING OF AN ANTIQUE SIXTEENTH-CENTURY FLEMISH NAVAL SCIENC.

IN the interior decoration of large private yachts and luxury liners, there has long been a tendency to produce effects approximating to those of a palatial building on shore. We illustrate here an extreme and very interesting example, in the magnificent steam - yacht "Savarona," owned by Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Cadwalader, Jnr., of Philadelphia, U.S.A., and claimed to be the world's largest private pleasure craft. She was de-signed for them by Mr. William Francis

THE TOP OF THE MAIN STAIRWAY LEADING INTO THE TOP OF THE MAIN STAIRWAY LEADING INTO THE SUN ROOM, WHICH IS DECORATED WITH TEN WALL PANELS REPRESENTING VARIOUS FORMS OF SPORT: A VIEW SHOWING PART OF THE GERMAN RONWORK IN ANTIQUE STYLE.



A LUXURIOUS BATH-ROOM EQUIPPED WITH ALL TYPE PROVIDED BOTH IN THE OWNERS' MODERN APPLIANCES: ACCOMMODATION OF THE SUITE AND IN THE TWELVE STATE-ROOMS.



WITH WINDOWS OF "PORT-HOLE" TYPE-THE ONLY INDICATION IN ANY OF THESE PHOTO-GRAPHS THAT THEY WERE NOT TAKEN IN A BUILDING ON LAND: ONE OF THE BED-ROOMS ON BOARD THE "SAVARONA."



THE MAIN STATEWAY LEADING TO THE SUN ROOM: AN EFFECT OF PALATIAL DIGNITY, THE DECORATIVE IRONWORK CONTRASTING WITH NEA-GREEN WALLS AND COLUMNS.



ONE OF THE LONG CORRIDORS: AN EXTENSIVE VISTA CONVEYING A REMARKABLE SENSE OF LIGHT AND SPACIOUSNESS, WITH A SCHEME OF DECORATION CHARACTERISED BY RESTFUL SIMPLICITY IN THE DESIGN OF WALLS AND CEILING.



A GAMES ROOM FITTED WITH A SPECIAL TABLE FOR TABLE-TENNIS: ONE OF THE FACILITIES FOR PROVIDING GUESTS WITH "INDOOR" RECREATION, ANOTHER YORN OF WHICH IS REPRESENTED BY THE CARD ROOM.



AN INSTALLATION THAT ENHANCES THE EVEN TENGE OF LIFE ON MOARD THE "SAVARONA": THE SPERRY GYRO STABLISER, WHICH COUNTERACTS THE ROLLING OF THE VESSEL.

in stack as NO MAN'S LAND.

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BEING AN APPRECIATION OF

"GRAN CHACO CALLING": By MEREDITH H. GIBSON.*

(PUBLISHED BY WITHERBY.)

IN the bewilderment of European events, the Old World has almost forgotten that war has been in full swing in South America for nearly two years. Paraguay and Bolivia still dispute possession of the Gran Chaco, and only the other day there came news that Bolivian aeroplanes were bombing in Upper Paraguay. In this book the author



ONE OF THE MINOR HORRORS OF THE CHACO, WHERE DISGUSTING OR POISONOUS INSECTS AND REPTILES ARE ASTONISHINGLY PREVALENT: A YOUNG TARANTULA SPIDER. (ABOUT HALF NATURAL SIZE,)

describes the beginnings, as he observed them, of a new war about an old dispute. "There was certainly little doubt about the sentiments of the populace. The town [Concepcion] was overflowing with soldiers, cheerful and eager for the fray. A victory had been reported at Fort Mariscal Lopez, and enthusiasm ran high. Here a band played suitable music; there an orator, surrounded by a dense crowd, gave an impassioned address, the points he made punctuated by sincere cheers and round after round of 'vivas'' from the children, who, with native shrewdness, fully comprehended the situation. To a 'foreigner' like myself, the indomitable pluck of the little country, in the face of heavy odds, made a profound impression. It was impossible not to concede them a whole-hearted admiration."

Nevertheless, there is something tragic, and perhaps symbolic, in that "indomitable pluck," and in those vivas from the mouths of babes and sucklings. The history of Paraguay has been one of the most terrible chapters in the chronicle of the New World. It is said that under the lunatic Lopez, the adult male population was almost exterminated. Blood has perpetually drenched the whole land. But it seems that neither Paraguayans nor any other mortals learn very much by experience, and the bands play and the orators declaim and the children cheer whenever there is the prospect of a little more blood-letting, "Most of the better-class women have already come forward, offering all their jewellery and most treasured possessions to swell the warfund. Societies have been formed for the purpose of making comforts for the soldiers; the patriotism displayed is astonishing." No doubt it is equally astonishing in Bolivia. True it is that the great crises in human affairs are not the struggle of right against wrong, but of right against right.

And what is the bone of contention? The Gran Chaco is "nature in the raw," which, as advertisements have informed us, is "never mild."

There is nothing mild about the Gran Chaco. In one of his most pungent essa

• "Gran Chaco Calling: A Chronicle of Sport and Travel in Paraguay and the Chaco." By Meredith H. Gibson. With Photographs and a Map. (H. F. and G. Witherby; ros. 6d. net.)

and no serpents writhe—where, indeed, only man (especially in charabanes) is vile.

The Gran Chaco is cattle country, and it was to inspect estancias, in the way of business, that Mr. Gibson visited it. But it is not even cattle country by nature's design. Mr. Gibson describes graphically the unending difficulties with which the breeders have had to contend in order to raise stock. Mr. Masefield, when he placed the scene of one of his romances in wild South America, chose the title "Odtaa," which is commonly interpreted to mean "One Damn Thing After Another." That is an accurate description of estancia life in Paraguay. Drought succeeds flood, and flood succeeds drought; diseases of many kinds attack cattle and horses, and only by the most patient experiments in crossing strains can these unseen foes be circumvented; creatures large and small continually take toll, and the cattle themselves, in such country, are almost wild animals themselves, so that the life of a "cow-puncher" is one of constant danger. Somehow or other all these obstacles are overcome, and the Chaco is compelled to yield good



RATTLESNAKE KILLED IN THE DINING-ROOM AT LOMA PORA: ONE OF THE COMMONEST AND MOST DREADED OF SOUTH AMERICAN SNAKES.

Of the numbers of venomous snakes the Chaco contains, the Indians dread rattlers most. This is because of their size and consequent ability to strike higher than most, and because, being rat-eaters, they frequent houses and the clearings round them.

beef for the world's wants. It is a remarkable example of "unconquerable soul," especially when commercial

It is needless to say that in this steamy belt of mingled swamp, jungle, and desert, every noxious species proliferates. The kind of reception which awaits intrudwhich awaits intruding man may be illustrated by one example of an outlying habitation. "It was an old house, a nightmare house, falling to pieces but perforce occupied until the new building—then in the course of construction—should be completed. I don't want to harrow my readers' feelings, but the truth must be told. Loathsome, hairy tarantula tarantula skulked in

southern border.

hairy tarantula spiders skulked in odd corners, a centipede six inches long skittered across the dank earth floor, at every turn one expected to see spade-shaped head and glittering eyes of a deadly snake making ready to attack. Fetid toadstools sprouted on the floor of my room; gigantic cupi-i (white ants) nests, weighing at least two hundred pounds each, depended baggily from the roof-beams; in the dim, flickering light bats sped, squeaking, through that place of horror. It was my exact idea of Hell." We should prefer to put it that it is our exact idea of an attack of delirium tremens, and if snakes were required to complete the picture, they could easily have been found by moving any of the timber of this Dante-esque dwelling. Mr. Gibson devotes a chapter to the enormous variety and abundance of Chaco snakes, and we do not advise anybody of alcoholic tendencies to read

it. There are over five hundred varieties of non-poisonous snakes alone, and probably quite as many venomous kinds. A particular morbid interest attaches to the *nakanind*, a creature of horror, often ten feet long, which, unlike most snakes, has a special *penchant* for attacking man, against whom he seems to have declared some kind of feud. Among whom he seems to have declared some kind of feud. Among the larger creatures, Mr. Gibson has much of interest to tell us about the peccary ("the most dangerous beast in the Chaco"), the jaguar, the puma (an incorrigibly sentimental friend of man), the ant-eater, and the tapir—to mention only a few. The waters abound with fierce enemies, such as the sting-ray and the alligator; and everybody has heard of the parand, a small fish of incredible ferocity, which, attacking in shoals, will devour any animal, biped or quadruped, in a few moments. It would be tedious to enumerate the countless insect-enemies; strange and relentless though they are, the common mosquito is still hors concours for his widespread, indefatigable, pitiless depredations.

One might multiply indefinitely the number of elements which proclaim, with a thousand warning voices, that the

One might multiply indefinitely the number of elements which proclaim, with a thousand warning voices, that the Chaco is no place for man; but of course it is not so bad as it sounds. Man can survive all the obstacles, and Mr. Gibson testifies again and again that in the mere effort of doing so there is a peculiar exhilaration not found in a calmer mode of life. There is shooting without limit for the sportsman, and Mr. Gibson devotes a good many lively pages to the description of such fishing as must make the rods of English anglers creak with envy. There is the lighter side of good companionship and high-spirited fun, which is often, among vigorous men, the keener for Spartan conditions and hard - won relaxations. And, needless to say, amid all the ferocities of untamed nature, there are scenes of incomparable beauty—such as the Venago Ealls all the ferocities of untamed nature, there are scenes of incomparable beauty—such as the Yguazû Falls, which so few people are privileged to compare with the Victoria Nyanza or Niagara. "There are no less than thirty-eight distinct falls, about which wind cunningly contrived pathways and bridges. Parrots fly back and forth in the main gorge, irridescent trogons flash off into the luxuriant tropical vegetation, brilliant butterflies drift lazily amid the foliage. Every few yards a new, breath - taking view bursts on your enthralled gaze."

Yet, in spite of its flamboyant adornments and of all the interest in Mr. Gibson's simply but brightly written pages, yet, so far as we are concerned, either Paraguay or Bolivia can "'ave" the Gran Chaco. C. K. A.



A FORTY-POUND DORADO FROM THE ALTO PARANA: A FINE EXAMPLE OF A FISH WHICH GIVES MAGNIFICENT SPORT IN PARAGUAYAN RIVERS.

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THREE-POUND BOGA, FROM THE ALTO PARANA, RIVER THAT FORMS PARAGUAY'S EASTERN AND SOUTHERN BORDER.

THE CASTLE OF TARASCON SOLD TO FRANCE FOR £5300 AND TO BECOME A MUSEUM.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY COURTESY OF ARCHIVES PHOTOGRAPHIQUES DES BEAUX-ARTS



THE FIFTEENTH-CENTURY CASTLE OF TARASCON, WHICH HAS BEEN BOUGHT BY THE FRENCH REPUBLIC FOR £5300, AND IS TO BECOME A MUSEUM: THE FAMOUS RETREAT OF "LE BON ROI RENÉ" OF PROVENCE; SITUATED ON THE RHÔNE.



RELICS OF THE DAYS WHEN THE CASTLE OF TARASCON SERVED AS A PRISON: REPRESENTATIONS OF TWO GALLEYS, ARMED WITH CANNON, AND OF A CARAVEL (RIGHT CUT ON A WALL BY THE INMATES.



A CARVING EXECUTED BY THE PRISONERS IN TARASCON CASTLE, OF INTEREST IN CONNECTION WITH THE NAVAL HISTORY OF THE PERIOD: A GALLEY WITH SAIL SET, AND DETAILS OF DECKS AND OARS CAREFULLY INDICATED.

Travellers in the South of France will all learn with delight of the decision to open the famous château of Tarascon to the public. Hitherto it has served as a prison and, consequently, has been somewhat difficult of access. It has been sold to the State for the modest sum of £5300. Tarascon is a magnificent



THE TOWERING RAMPARTS OF TARASCON CASTLE: THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHÂTEAU PROPER FROM THE "BASSE-COUR," OR BAILEY; WITH A BRIDGE THAT IS LARGELY



THE COURTYARD AT TARASCON: A STAIRCASE (SITUATED ABOVE THE PRINCIPAL WELL) HAVING AN ARCHWAY SURMOUNTED BY A BALCONY ON ITS LEFT; AND (BEYOND) THE ENTRANCE OF THE LOWER CHAPEL.

example of late mediæval fortification, and retains all the glamour of its association with "Le bon Roi René," that charming figure whose picturesque vagaries and peregrinations among his scattered dominions introduce an element of light-hearted quixotry into the sordid squabbles with which the Middle Ages came to an end. The number of inheritances lost by René—at once, painter, poet, statesman, perfect lover, amateur of botany and zoology, and preux chevalier—was only equalled by the misfortunes suffered by his children and relations in foreign lands. Tarascon, was his favourite retreat; here his memory is still cherished.

FIG. I. AN OBJECT LESSON IN STRATIGRAPHY: THREE SUPERIMPOSED LEVELS AT TELL ASMAR-FROM THE 3000 B.C. TEMPLE (AT THE BOTTOM), WHERE THE STATUES WERE FOUND, TO SARGON'S PERIOD, ABOUT 2500 B.C. (AT THE TOP).



FIG. 7. THE HOARD OF STATUES LYING IN THE SOIL JUST AS THEY WERE FOUND: A PHOTOGRAPH OF THEM IN SITU, BEFORE THEY WERE TAKEN OUT AND PHECED TOGETHER, SHOWING CRACKS AND BREAKAGES CAUSED BY CONTINUAL PRESSURE OF EARTH ABOVE THEM THROUGH A PERIOD OF SOME PIVE THOUSAND VERMS.

THE discovery at Tell Asmar of this unprecedented treasure of ancient Sumerian sculpture (fully described on page 776 by Dr. Henry Frankfort) has caused a-stir in the archeological world. Writing in "The Times" recently, Mr. C.

AN EXTRAORDINARY DISCOVERY CULT STATUES DATING FROM ABOUT 3000 B.C., WITH OTHER BUILDINGS

FRANKFORT, DIRECTOR OF THE TRAQ EXPEDITION OF THE ORIENTAL INSTITUTE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO. (SEE HIS ARTICLE ON PAGE 776.)

FIG. 2. AN UNUSUALLY PLAT

AND BADLY MADE STATUE, ILLUSTRATING THE WIDE DIVERGENCE OF QUALITY IN

THE GROUP. (HERE SHOWN ABOUT ONE-THIRD SIZE.)

FIG. 8. A STATUE SHOWING EX-TREMELY WELL THE PHYSICAL TYPE OF THE EARLY SUMERIANS.

(HERE ONE-THIRD ACTUAL SIZE.)



MYTHICAL PERSONAGE, FINELY MODELLED



FIG. 9. AN INSTANCE OF THE REMARKABLE VARIETY IN FACIAL EXPRESSION ACHIEVED BY THE EARLY SUMERIAN SCULPTORS: A STATUS SUGGESTING A SENILE TYPE WITH A SLY SMILE, (HERE SHOWN HALF ITS ACTUAL SIZE.)

Leonard Woolley, of Ur fame, said: "No such heard of stone figures in the round has come to light in any other anoient site of Mesoportania. Isolated statious have been few, and here a wealth of examples appears to illustrate a little-known period. The building in which they were found its easiler than the Royal Tombe at Ur. and the sculptures, buried beneath its floor because they had outlived their vogue, are older still. This is probably more true of some than of others, for I suspect that the wide variety of style and technique on which Dr. Frankfort comments is in part at least due to difference of date."

OF EARLY SUMERIAN SCULPTURE: AND THE TEMPLE WHERE THEY WERE FOUND; EXCAVATED AT TELL ASMAR.



FIG. 4. THE BACK OF THE STATUE SHOWN IN FIG. 3), WHICH HAS A HOLLOW HEAD, PERHAPS TO HOLD LIQUID OR TO SUPPORT



FIG. TO. ANOTHER STATUE ILLUSTRATING THE DIVERSITY OF EXPRESSION ATTAINED IN THE REPRESENTATION OF FACES:
A TYPE SUGGESTING EXPECTANCY AND ARDENT PRAYER. (HERE SHOWN ON A SCALE TWO-THIRDS OF ITS ACTUAL SIZE.)

The first of our photographs (Fig. 1 above), showing excavations at Tell Asmar, is explained in detail in Dr. Frankforts compliste description of it, which runs as follows: "An object lesson in stratigraphy. The uppermost figure is placed at a level dating from the appermost ngure is placed at a fevel daying from dynasty of Sargon of Akkad, about 2800 B.C. The man below with the small pick is at the level at which were found the bronzes (published in 'The Illustrated London News' of July 22, 1933) that are identical in shape and workmanship with the vessels of gold and silver found in the Royal Tombs at Ur. The



FIG. 6. THE EARLY TEMPLE AT TELL ASMAR (THAT IN WHICH THE HOARD OF STATUES WAS DISCOVERED] APPEARING UNDERNEATH A LATER TEMPLE THAT IS CONTEMPORANEOUS WITH THE ROYAL TOMBS AT UR.



WOMAN FROM TELL ASMAR

FIG. 11. THE ONLY REPRESENTA-TION OF A PRIEST (WITH SHAVEN HEAD) AMONG THE STATUES. (HERE SHOWN QUARTER SIZE.)



FIG. 12. THE HEAD OF THE PRINCIPAL STATUE.—THAT OF THE LORD OF FERTILITY (ILLUSTRATED ON THE PRONT PAGE WITH THE GREAT MOTHER GODDESS): A FAGE IN WHICH DUNNITY IS INDICATED BY THE UNNATURAL ENLARGEMENT OF THE EVER, IN STRIKING DISTINCTION FROM THE RUMAN TYPES IN OTHER STATUES. (RERE SHOWN IN ITS ACTUAL SIZE.) group of men excavating at the bottom are working in the earlier temple (at Tell Asmar). dating from about 3000 B.C., in which were found the statues illustrated in this issue." Our photographs are numbered according to references in Dr. Frankfort's article.

GREAT DISCOVERY OF SUMERIAN SCULPTURE.

UNIQUE HOARD OF STATUES, 5000 YEARS OLD, FOUND AT TELL ASMAR, INCLUDING SACRED IMAGES "WITHOUT PARALLEL AMONG KNOWN BABYLONIAN WORKS OF ART."

By DR. HENRY FRANKFORT, Director of the Iraq Expedition of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago.

(See Illustrations on the Front Page and Pages 774, 775, 777 and 778.)

THE work of our expedition during the past winter at Tell Asmar, 50 miles N.E. of Baghdad, has been attended by extraordinary good fortune. It has now been established that the has now been established that the temple of Ab-û, which we described in *The Illustrated London News* of July 22, 1933 (pp. 124-5), was used continuously from about 3000 B.C. until the end of Sargon of Akkad's Dynasty — about 2350. Consequently, objects hidden in the lower layers were well out of reach of robbers and marauders such as normally ransack deserted buildings of robbers and marauders such as normally ransack deserted buildings or ruins left after a destructive war. Neither desertion nor destruction overtook our temple before the comparatively recent date given above—and by then the unparalleled objects described in this article were covered by not less than six metres of earth.

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Fig. 6 shows the situation at the beginning of our season. Underneath the temple, which we discussed last year in this journal, the walls of an earlier stage of its history, built on a different alignment, can be seen coming to light. We may recall here that a hoard of copper vases, some of them inscribed, and identical in shape with the gold and silver specimens from the tombs at Ur, revealed the dedication of the temple to Ab-û, the "Lord of Vegetation," who is none other, in fact, than Tanmuz. It would be more correct to call him "Lord of Fertility," or, rather, "Lord of vital energy," since his emblems include plants, flowers, and corn, as well as animals, especially goats, gazelles, and ibexes. Another mythical emblem, the lion-headed eagle Imgi, characterises the Lord of Life as the vanquisher of chaos and death; in this aspect—namely, as victor—the god is shown on a cylinder seal, discovered and published last year, destroying a seven-headed Hydra; and evidence has been collected, and will shortly be published, which establishes the linear descent of the Greek Herakles from the Sumerian god whose temple we are excavating.

The older structures, shown in Figs. 6 and 14, are also built of plano-convex bricks, but belong to an earlier part of the Early Dynastic Period than has yet been explored elsewhere. They correspond, in fact, with the accumulation at Ur of the rubbish heaps into which the famous tombs were afterwards dug. Fig. 1 proves this chronological sequence, for our copper vessels of last year, which are contemporary with the earliest of the tombs at Ur, occurred at a level where the man with the small pick is posted in the middle of the picture. The man at the top stands at the level of Sargon of Akkad. The group of men in the foreground are at work on the level where we found the objects published in this article. Moreover, we obtained corroborative evidence from the building itself, for it contai

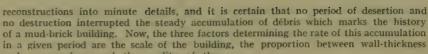


FIG. 14. THE EARLIER TEMPLE AT TELL ASMAR: A GENERAL VIEW, SHOWING (IN THE LEFT FOREGROUND) THE CENTRAL ROOM; (RIGHT) THE SANCTUARY OF THE LORD OF FERTILITY, WHERE THE STATUES WERE FOUND; AND (TO LEFT OF IT) THE SANCTUARY OF THE GREAT MOTHER GODDESS.



RELIEF SHOWING A MAN AND WOMAN TAKING THE NEW YEAR'S FESTIVAL, WITH SYMBOLIC ANIMALS AND PLANTS. 15. A RELIEF S

The plants and animals may symbolise the Lord of Life, but at the same time they may commemorate a pious act by which the donor of the stele dedicated a certain number of animals to be used at the festival in honour



in a given period are the scale of the buildit and room-surface, and the quality of the bricks used. All three factors remain approximately the same throughout the whole of the temples in existence. The uppermost two metres of débris are datable to the 200 years which comprised the Dynasty of Sargon of Akkad, and the rate of accumulation of débris for this one building has thus tion of débris for this one building has thus been established. It should be noted that nothing was lost as a result of denudation,



REPRESENTED ON A PECTORAL (SHOWN IN COLOUR ON PAGE 778) CARVED BY A STONE-CUTTER 5000 YEARS AGO: A LIVING SELUKI, OR PERSIAN GREYHOUND. REPRESENTED

since later ruins protected the upper-most Akkadian layers, and that we have inscriptional evidence that our site was one of the few to remain under Akkadian rule to the very end

most Akkadian layers, and that we have inscriptional evidence that our site was one of the few to remain under Akkadian rule to the very end of the dynasty. Now, the rise of the temple in Early Dynastic times is represented by exactly 2½ times the rise effected during the two centuries of Akkadian rule. Surely it is not rash to assume that the buildings' of plano-convex bricks, therefore, cover a period of approximately 450 years. In fact, we can go even further: our Early Dynastic remains fall clearly into two groups. The upper one, somewhat different in plan from the deeper and earlier, but corresponding closely to the Akkadian temple, is represented by 2½ metres of débris, and would therefore have lasted about 250 years; that is (on the basis of the date most generally assigned to Sargon of Akkad), from 2800—2550 B.C. The earlier part of the Early Dynastic Period, shown by our pottery to antedate the tombs of Ur, is represented by two metres of debris, and would have lasted, therefore, approximately from 3000—2800 B.C. The importance of this result can only be seen in its true perspective if we remember that the date of the tombs of Ur is one of the most hotly debated problems in contemporary archæology; for neither Mr. Woolley's date of 3500 B.C., nor that of his German critics, who place them at about 2600 B.C., nor those of the majority of scholars who occupy intermediate positions between those extremes, has found general acceptance.

Let us now consider the arrangement of the earlier temple, a corner of which is shown in Fig. 14. The ground-plan of the temple is almost square, and tallies in general lay-out with that of private houses of the period—it is, in fact, the "house of the gods." One enters by a lobby (outside Fig. 14, on the left), which contains the stairs leading to the roof, and which adjoins a small square room floored with baked bricks covered with bitumen, and provided with a square sink in one corner. Here the worshipper performed his ritual ablutions. Beyond this is a large central roo



THE GOD OF FERTILITY AND THE MOTHER GODDESS AS THEY APPEAR AN AKKADIAN CYLINDER SEAL FOUND AT TELL ASMAR: AN EXAMPLE OF REPRESENTATION OF THESE DIVINITIES IN THE ART OF LATER PERIODS.



FIG. 17. A VERY FINE GREEN SERPENTINE SEAL SHAPED AS A LION'S HEAD (CENTRE) AND ENGRAVED ON ONE SIDE (LEFT) WITH AN ANTELOPE AND FLOWERING TWIG, AND ON THE NARROW SIDE (RIGHT) WITH A SCORPION.

The face of the lion (in the centre of the right-hand photograph above) has itself been disfigured by the incision thereon of a goat's head. The scorpion suggests that the object may have had an amuletic value to protect the owner against scorpion-bites, since amulets in the shape of feet incised in the same way certainly have that meaning.

The First Sumerian Cult-Statues ever found: Sculpture of 3000 B.C.

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Water-Colour by Miss G. Rachel Levy, the Expedition's Artist.



POLYCHROME EFFECTS OF SUMERIAN SCULPTURE REVEALED FOR THE FIRST (TIME: TELL ASMAR STATUES—THE LORD OF FERTILITY (LEFT), THE MOTHER GODDESS WITH HER SON (RIGHT), AND OTHER FIGURES.

"For the first time in the history of Babylonian excavation," writes Dr. Henry Frankfort, "statues which were actually worshipped in a temple have been found, at Tell Asmar, by the Iraq Expedition of the Oriental Institute of Chicago University, as described elsewhere in this number. In a temple of the Early Dynastic Sumerian period, datable to about 3000 B.C., a hoard of these statues was discovered, among them one representing the Lord of Fertility and another the Great Mother Goddess of Asia. Here for the first time we can appreciate the polychrome effects of Sumerian sculpture. In the above reproductions the only restorations are the upper part of the figure of the Mother Goddess's son and the inlaid eyes of the two lower heads in the middle. In this case we have represented lapis-lazuli, which was widely used, but happens not to occur in the other statues here

pictured. The white of the eyes is cut from shell, except those of the head shown full-face in the top row, where yellow paste had been used. The black part of the eyes is represented by bitumen in the human beings and black limestone in the god and goddess. Bitumen was used to fix the eyes in their sockets, and to colour hair and beards. The parting of the hair in the small female head in the middle is enlivened by a strip of mother-of-pearl let into the stone. Contrary to frequent assertions, it seems that the convention for men in early Sumerian days was to wear the hair and beard long, while priests shaved completely. The lowest figure no doubt represents a worshipper who is beardless only by reason of his youth.'' The statue of the god is shown above on a scale one-third of its actual size, and that of the goddess just under one-half. All the other figures are half-size.

Sumerian Coloured Stone and Ivory Carving nearly 5000 Years Ago.

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SUMERIAN LAPIDARY ART SHOWING EGYPTIAN AND CYCLADIC SIMILARITIES: RELICS FROM A MOTHER GODDESS SANCTUARY DATING FROM ABOUT 3000 B.C., FOUND AT TELL ASMAR—A PECTORAL AND VOTIVE OFFERINGS.

The latest discoveries at Tell Asmar, in Iraq, fifty miles north-east of Baghdad, are described on another page by Dr. Henry Frankfort, who is in charge of the excavations there. In a separate note on the above illustration, he writes: "The objects shown on this plate, dating from about 3000 B.C., were discovered in the sanctuary of the Great Mother Goddess, and are here reproduced from a water-colour, in which the artist has tried to represent the rich impression conveyed by the coloured stonework of the Sumerians. The figures of human beings in the upper corners and the bottom row are made of ivory and mother-of-pearl, while the hair is picked out in bitumen. They were intended for inlay in a plaque of schist. The dogs on the pectoral resemble the Seluki, or Persian greyhound. The bull's head and fore-quarters seen in the left-hand bottom corner was originally

the terminal of the arm-rest of a throne, and shows the mark which distinguished the Apis bull in Egypt. The violin-shaped figurine of the Mother Goddess in the middle of the plate is of exceptional scientific interest because of its Cycladic affinities, which are discussed in the text. At the top of the plate is a representation of the lion-headed eagle, Imgi, in the round, a figurine cut from ivory. The lion's head to the left of it has a design of a gazelle's head, which, like flowers and gazelles appearing on the reverse of the object, symbolises the 'Lord of Fertility.' The cylinder seals in this plate have various designs of mythical figures and animals fighting. The middle one on the left-hand side shows Imgi again, but here standing on human legs.'' Newly discovered statues of the Lord of Fertility and the Mother Goddess are illustrated in colour on another page.

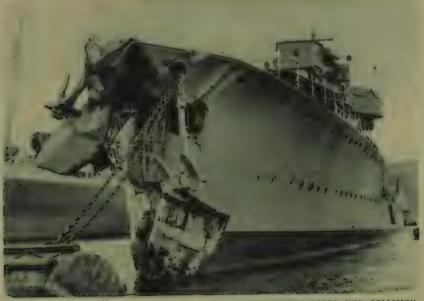
A HEAD-ON COLLISION AT SEA.



THE DESTROYER "WHIRLWIND" AND THE STEAMER "LUIMNEACH" INTERLOCKED AFTER THEIR HEAD-ON COLLISION OFF START POINT: A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN FROM THE STEAMER WHILE THE VESSELS WERE TRYING TO GET APART.



THE LIMERICK STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S "LUIMNEACH" AT DARTMOUTH AFTER HER COLLISION WITH A DESTROYER; SHOWING THE GAPING HOLE IN HER BOW.



H.M.S. "WHIRLWIND," OF 1100 TONS, SAFELY AT DARTMOUTH AFTER HER COLLISION WITH AN IRISH STEAMER IN THE CHANNEL: THE SMASHED BOWS OF THE DESTROYER—AN ACCIDENT IN WHICH THERE WERE NO PERSONAL INJURIES.

On the morning of May 10 there was a head-on collision in foggy weather in the Channel, six miles south of Start Point, between a British destroyer and an Irish steamer. The destroyer was H.M.S. "Whirlwind," of 1100 tons displacement, going up-Channel to Chatham; and the steamer was the Limerick Steamship Company's "Luimneach," of 1074 tons, bound with a cargo of coal from Amsterdam to Limerick. The vessels met head-on and remained interlocked for half an hour with engines astern. Finally they separated, and both, although badly damaged, made independently for Dartmouth. The destroyer had the whole of her bowt stove in and a large piece was suspended by one buckled plate; while a big hole was made in the bow of the "Luimneach," the bunks were turned into masses of twisted iron, and splintered wood littered the fore-part of the ship. The "Whirlwind" carries a complement of 134. She was soon able to resume her voyage, arriving at Sheerness on May 12 and later proceeding to Chatham.

YOUNG TIGERS IN A NEW HOME.

On the afternoon of May 9 the three young tigers born at Whipsnade nearly a year ago were introduced to their new enclosure. The Duke of Bedford and the members of the Whipsnade Committee watched their first careful and thorough exploration of their new home. The tigers had been caught and boxed the night before, and early in the morning were put into the "catch-up" cages at the side of their new home. The tigers are being trained by the lure of food to enter these cages when it is necessary for keepers to go into the enclosure. Those who have known the cubs since their birth are delighted with the rate at which they have grown, and with the absence of rickets and other malformations common in young carnivores born in menageries. They now look very fine against the background of fresh turf in the new enclosure, and will assuredly delight the Whitsun crowds. Their mother, meanwhile, remains in the old tiger pit, and its clearly engaged in selecting a place in which to produce a new litter.



YOUNG TIGERS TRANSFERRED TO NEW QUARTERS AT WHIPSNADE: A PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING THE METHOD OF TRANSFER FROM THE OLD PIT TO THE NEW ENCLOSURE.



EXPLORING THE NEW QUARTERS: TIGER CUBS, BORN AT WHIPSNADE NEARLY A YEAR AGO, STEALTHILY INVESTIGATING THEIR NEW DEN.



A CAREFUL EXPLORATION OF THE SHED IN THE FINE NEW TIGER ENCLOSURE AT WHIPSNADE—TO WHICH THE THREE YOUNG' TIGERS WERE TRANSFERRED IN TIME FOR THE WHITSUN HOLIDAYS.

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THE LUMINOUS WOMAN: THE MYSTERY OF ANNA MONARO.

From the Article by Signor GIOCONDO PROTTI, the Italian Physicist; Published in our Famous Contemporary "L'Illustrazione Italiana."

AT Pirano last Lent, in the darkness of the night, luminous emanations were repeatedly observed coming from the body of Anna Monaro, an exceedingly religious woman of forty-two, of normal appearance. Upon being invited to collaborate in the study of this phenomenon by Drs. Sambo, Parenzan, and Contento, of Pirano, who were joined by Professor Sai, the neuropsychiatrist of Trieste, I proceeded to the spot, taking with me a number of modern instruments without which it would have been impossible to describe and to examine by rigorous methods a phenomenon which, though not new, is rare, and at present is exciting not only the keen interest of the Press in every country, but also that of the most authoritative scientific circles. As is well known, even the National Research Council sent Professor Fabio Vitali, the chief physician in the hospital of Venice, in order that he might satisfy himself as to the true facts of the case and report thereon.

Mrs. Monaro suffers from asthma, probably of a character connected with her environment, because the attacks do not come on if she sleeps away from home. When the weather is favourable, she secures relief by occasionally spending the nights at sea with her husband, engaged in fishing. When it is cold, on the other hand, she is taken into the spacious rooms of an institution, where from six to eight women sleep in each room; so AT Pirano last Lent, in the darkness of the night,

(never during profound sleep), with various characters and degrees of colour, intensity, and duration, and appears particularly during Lent, when the intensity of the prayers coincides with the prolongation of the fasts, which are sometimes complete. No crackling noise was heard; nor was any odour or beat observed. heat observed.

heat observed.

We give here the graphs showing the approximate curve of the intensity of the image produced on the film obtained at 10.30 p.m. on April 11. Since, in the apparatus used, sixteen photographs are taken in one second, and as fifty-four photographs were obtained, it is proved that the phenomenon lasted three and three-fifth seconds. The graph also shows that the intensity curve reaches the maximum from the sixteenth to the thirty-eighth photograph. Above all, great importance attaches, per se, to the fact of the cinematograph image, because it proves that we are confronted not with an unknown and mysterious quantity, as was suspected by some, but with a true and genuine light.

Another graph shows that the frequency of respiration, which in the case of Mrs. Monaro is normally twenty-four respirations per minute, increases to forty-eight after the luminous manifestation; and that the pulse, which was normally at a frequency of seventy beats per minute,

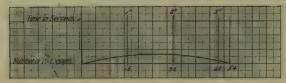


MRS. ANNA MONARO-THE LUMINOUS WOMAN.

given off by Mrs. Monaro is not produced by an electrical cause; just as, for example, the light given off by a match, though of an electro-magnetic nature, does not arise from a real and genuine effect of electricity.

Despite the short time allowed for my experiments, carried out in the rough-and-ready laboratory I improvised at Pirano, I think I can, nevertheless, with certain reservations, draw a few reasonable conclusions which are justified by the facts observed. In the substantially normal brain of Mrs. Monaro there is, undoubtedly, an idea so dominating that it disturbs and upsets in the brain the harmony of the cerebral function, without, however, deranging her mind; this emotive-affective idea is, in the case of Mrs. Monaro, of a religious character, but it might also be of another order, provided it were





A GRAPH OF THE CINE-FILM; SHOWING SIXTEEN EXPOSURES EACH SECOND. AS FIFTY-FOUR PHOTO-GRAPHS WERE RECORDED, IT FOLLOWS THAT THE EMISSION OF LIGHT CONTINUED FOR THREE AND THREE-FIFTH SECONDS; WITH THE GREATEST INTENSITY FROM THE SIXTEENTH TO THE THIRTY-EIGHTH PHOTOGRAPH.

that, from time to time, one or another of them, lying awake, has observed this phenomenon of luminosity, which the husband and the other members of the family, who are accustomed to sleeping the deep sleep induced by the toil of the day, had failed to notice.

In addition to the usual clinical apparatus in ordinary

use, I took with me a Boullitte electro cardiograph, to measure the electric currents of the heart; a Cesio photomeasure the electric currents of the heart; a Cesio photoelectric cell, and a needle galvanometer, capable of recording currents of one ten-millionth of an ampère, to record
any luminosity of a certain intensity acting on the cell;
a gold-leaf electroscope, for the purpose of ascertaining
whether there was any electricity in the woman herself
or in the immediate surroundings (up to a certain point
this instrument can also determine ionisations due to
radioactivity); a Philips X-ray apparatus; a hæmoradiometer for determining the radiating power of the
blood; Hilger-Schumann photographic plates coated with
fluorescent substance, in order to ascertain whether an
image would be produced on them when placed in the
vicinity of Mrs. Monaro's body at the time when the
luminous phenomenon was not manifested; a cinematograph camera using supersensitive film; and a Faraday
insulating cage, which was erected round Mrs. Monaro's
bed to prevent the phenomenon being attributed to
electric charges emanating from outside.

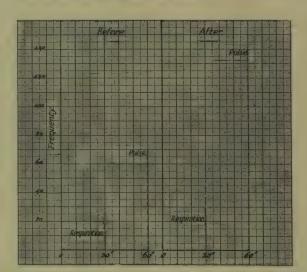
insulating cage, which was erected round Mrs. Monaro's bed to prevent the phenomenon being attributed to electric charges emanating from outside.

The phenomenon recurred on the night of April 11 last, when Professor Vitali was also present. I recorded it with the cinematograph camera, an unquestionable proof of its occurrence, of its course, and of its duration, which was three and three-fifth seconds; whilst the luminous intensity, low at first, gradually increased, afterwards fading away until it disappeared. In the unanimous opinion of the doctors present, and all the necessary checks having been rigorously carried out, deception and simulation were definitely excluded. On the other hand, the most significant proof that we were not dealing with a hoax carried out with the only possible means—that is, with an electric pocket-lamp—was furnished subsequently by the fact that the cinematograph film of the light revealed different intensities in the images produced.

It would have been desirable to observe the phenomenon on the body completely freed from bed-clothes and clothing, in order to see whether the strange light occurred in parts other than the thorax; but, owing to the exigencies of the case, we had to remain content with whatever appeared from the chest as it emerged between the bed-clothes, as happens in the usual and accidental positions adopted during sleep. At each luminous manifestation, Mrs. Monaro uttered moaning sounds and expressions. Before Feb. 1 no one had observed the phenomenon, which invariably occurs during the crepuscular period of sleep,

THE CINE-FILM RECORD OF THE LIGHT EMITTED BY THE LUMINOUS WOMAN, MRS. MONARO, DURING THE TEST MADE ON APRIL II: THE FILM SHOWS THE VALUE OF THE LIGHT DURING THE PHENOMENAL OCCURRENCE, WHICH LASTED FOR THREE AND THREE-FIFTH SECONDS; WITH THE CINE-CAMERA EXPOSING AT THE USUAL RATE OF SIXTEEN PHOTOGRAPHS PER SECOND.

doubles in frequency after the occurrence of the phenomenon. The radiating power of the blood, which normally is on the average fifty, is usually very high in Mrs. Monaro's case, attaining the considerable figure of 123'7, a figure which is only met with in the case of patients suffering from exophthalmic goitre or other sufferers in whom internal combustion has very greatly increased.



A DIAGRAM SHOWING THE RESPIRATIONS AND THE PULSE-RATE OF MRS. MONARO BEFORE AND AFTER THE EMISSION OF LIGHT. THE RESPIRATIONS ARE SHOWN BY THE SHORTER LINES, AND WERE COUNTED FOR THE HALF-MINUTE ONLY—TWELVE BEFORE THE LUMINOSITY AND TWENTY-FOUR AFTER IT. THE PULSE-RATE (LONGER LINES) WAS COUNTED FOR ONE MINUTE, AND SHOWED SEVENTY BEFORE THE EMANATIONS OCCURRED AND 140 AFTER.

As regards the dispersion of the electroscopic charge, As regards the dispersion of the electroscopic charge, it was found that there is practically no difference between what takes place beneath the Faraday cage under which the woman is lying and outside the cage at some distance away from the woman, or even in parts of Pirano a long way from the institution. Nor is Mrs. Monaro, when insulated, capable of charging the electroscope. Apart from this, it is observed that no dispersion of electroscopic charge takes place during the manifestation of the phenomenon. The electro-cardiogram shows that there are no disturbances of the rhythm and that the heart functions normally.

normally.

These are the chief facts observed and, as we had proved that we were dealing with a demonstrated fact of light, they enabled us to conclude (against the most common assumption) that no element of electricity or radioactivity has a part in causing the phenomenon. In making this statement, I do not imply any doubt as to the electromagnetic character of every luminous vibration, which, of course, includes that of Mrs. Monaro. I merely wish to maintain that the luminous electro-magnetic vibration

of equal intensity. When the harmony is upset, certain visceral functions may also undergo a change, owing to the relations which exist between the cerebral functions and the visceral innervations of the great sympathetic

Whilst there are individuals whose temperament is Whilst there are individuals whose temperament is such that emotive-affective ideas, although intense, do not produce in them a disturbance and lack of balance, there are, on the other hand, others who, like Mrs. Monaro, are exceedingly sensitive, and in whom the influence of the cerebral disturbance on the visceral functions is tremendous; and this influence is accentuated to the maximum degree when exceptional causes intervene, such as, in this case, the greater fervour of prayer and the increased fasting during Lent.

during Lent.

We had material proof of the actual alteration in the visceral functions in the case of Mrs. Monaro by observing the increase of the heart-beats and

respirations, the copious perspiration to which she is periodically subject, and other symptoms which it would be out of place to recall here, just as it is not necessary to record here by what mechanism these alterations in the visceral functions can be effected through a cerebral stimulus. Pathologists are agreed as to the possible existence of visceral disturbances in consequence visceral disturbances in consequence of a cerebro - vago - sympathetic disequilibrium, and it would suffice in this connection to recall the fundamental works of Benedetto Schiassi, of Bologna, which were followed and confirmed by those of Harvey Cushing, of Boston. Combustion increases with the acceleration of the heart-beats and the respiration, and, in consequence, as is well known, the radiating power of the blood also increases.

as is well known, the radiating power of the blood also increases.

It is not improbable that fasting also promotes in Mrs. Monaro the concentration of special substances (possibly sulphides) which, although normally opaque, become luminiscent when they are struck and excited by the more highly refractive radiations of the spectrum (ultra-violet radiations). And, as the radiating power of the blood is only ultra-violet radiation, this radiation may, at the moment of maximum intensification, perhaps be sufficient to render such substances luminous, and to create phenomena such as that observed in the case of Mrs. Monaro, which clearly come within the scope of biochemical facts; so that we finally arrive at the assumption that, given particularly propitious experimental conditions, the phenomenon might perhaps be reproduced artificially.



ART NEWS OF WEEK: THE PAGE FOR CONNOISSEURS.



A NEW ACQUISITION AT AB-VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM: A WOOD FIGURE OF THE KWAN-YIN. NEW ACQUISITION AT



A NEW ACQUISITION AT THE VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM: ONE OF TWO BLUE-JOHN AND ORMOLU CANDELABRA BY MATTHEW BOULTON (ABOUT 1765).



A NEW ACQUISITION AT THE VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM: A WOOD FIGURE OF THE VIRGIN AND CHILD.



RAEBURN PICTURE SOLD AT CHRISTIE'S FOR 10,500 GUINEAS: "PORTRAITS OF THE ALLEN BROTHERS." cluded in the Old Masters, the property of the late Mr. Henry Hirsch, d at Christie's on May 11, was this painting, done by Raeburn in 10. It fetched 10,500 guineas, the highest price of the day. The ture had been given to Mr. Henry Hirsch by his brother, the late Leopold Hirsch, whose remarkable collection of pictures was sold at Christie's during the week ending May 12.



THE TREASURE OF THE WEEK AT THE VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM: A NYMPHENBURG PORCELAIN FIGURE OF PANTALOON. This porcelain figure of Pantaloon from the Italian Comedy was made about 1755-60 at the Bavarian Electoral Factory, originally established at Neudeck, but in 1761 removed to Nymphenburg. The model is by Franz Anton Bustelli, one of the most famous of all modellers for porcelain, who worked for the factory from 1754 until his death in 1763. Pantaloon, the much-abused father, is here shown in his traditional costume.



FROM MR. DUNCAN GRANT'S EXHIBITION:

A PASTEL ENTITLED "CONSTABLE."

An exhibition of forty-eight of the newest paintings of Mr. Duncan Grant at the Lefevre Galleries Ia, King Street, St. James's, provides, to quote the "Times," "a rich and satisfying artistic experience."

Mr. Kenneth Clark, in his note to the catalogue, speaks of Mr. Grant's "freshness and lyrical grace."



FIGURES FOR THE NEW CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY; WITH THEIR SCULPTOR, MR. DAVID EVANS (RIGIT), AND THE ARCHITECT, SIR GILES GILBERT SCOTT.

S Gilbert Scott, R.A., the eminent architect, is seen inspecting the stone figures recently made for University Library at Cambridge, for the design of which Sir Giles was responsible. The sculptor figures, Mr. David Evans, A.R.B.S., is seen on the right. The sculptures represent "Science" and s," and are to be set up in the reading-room on either side of the entrance. The Library is to be opened in the autumn of this year.



THE COVER OF THE ASHMORE CHALICE, WITH ITS DATE OF 1577, DISCOVER AND PRESENTED TO ASHMORE CHURCH, ITS ORIGINAL HOME.

The covers of early pieces of silver not infrequently come into the market, by chances of their ever finding their original home are obviously very remote. The on the right of the illustration, however, recently came into the hands of Lieut Commander How, who, after considerable trouble, was able to identify it as the cover of the beautiful chalice belonging to the parish church at Ashmore, Dot

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THE ROYAL TOURNAMENT: TERRITORIALS DEMONSTRATE GROUND DEFENCE AGAINST BOMB ATTACKS FROM THE AIR.

DRAWN BY OUR SPECIAL ARTIST, C. E. TURNER.



THE CHIEF "SET PIECE" AT OLYMPIA: LONDON DEFENDED AGAINST A NIGHT ATTACK BY BOMBERS.—SEARCHLIGHTS PICKING OUT THE AERIAL INVADERS; ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS IN ACTION:
A SOUND LOCATOR LISTENING FOR THE DRONE OF ENEMY MACHINES (CENTRE); AND-THE CONTROL-TABLE (LEFT).

It was arranged that the King, accompanied by the Queen, should open the filty-first Royal Tournament at Olympia on May 17. This year the great "set piace" of the Tournament, which throughout is strongly serial in character, is a display by the Air Delence Formations of the Territorial Army, who show ground defences in action at night against invading bombers. The units which give the display are, for the first time since 1678, "Volunteers" from those districts—Wilmbiedon, Chelses, Putney, and Fulham-which provided the men for the first Royal Tournament. The drawing shows

in auton the London Territorials whose duty it is, in cooperation with the Royal Air Force overhead, to pretest London from air bembling. It is to be understood that information as to the attackers' positions is obtained on the coast by means of sound locators and searchlights and is transmitted by telephone to the "control-table" (left), where the route of the enemy machines is plotted on a squared map and whence orders are telephoned to the gunners. Searchlights, sound locators, and the control centre represent the eyes, ears, and brain of the defence. In the centre invading bombers

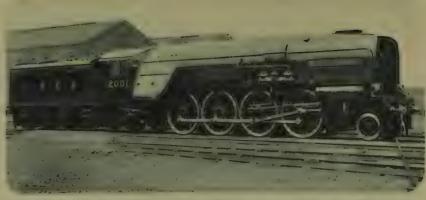
are seen caught in the searchlights' beams, and guns have made a direct hit on one of the attacking acroplanes, which calls in finames. On the right centre is a sound locator on a tripod stand, with a listening crew of three men. Gun trucks and scarchlight lories are to left and right; and between these are the "spotter" (recumbent with binoculars) and a Vickers "predictor" (seen just above him), with its crew giving directions to the guns for position and altitude. Small explosions represent falling bombs, and sounds of acroplane engines and firing are broadcast with realistic effect by

gramophone records. This particularly interesting display is to be given each night during the run of the Royal Tournament. It is essentially a night affair, the only lights being the searchlights and spotlights of the defenders. The display reveals an astonishing degree of complex co-operation between the Air Force, the Engineers, and the other ground defenders of London. Apart from guns, lights, and equipment, the combined strength of the RA.F. (who give a physical training display) and the Territorial Army (who stage the great set piece) is 350 of all ranks, airmen and anti-fair personnel-

LAND, SEA, AND AIR VESSELS AND MACHINES: CONTRASTS IN TYPE AND PERIOD.



MERICAN YACHT TO COMPETE WITH RIVALS FOR THE HONOUR OF DEFENDING "AMERICA'S" CUP: THE "YANKEE" RE-LAUNCHED AT BOSTON, AFTER BEING REMODELLED WITH A NEW HOW AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS. THE



A NEW GIANT ON THE L.N.E.R.: "COCK O' THE NORTH," THE MOST POWERFUL

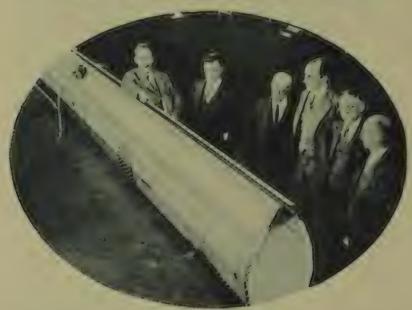
A NEW GIANT ON THE L.N.E.R.! "COCK O' THE NORTH, THE MOST FOWERFOLD PASSENGER-TRAIN LOCOMOTIVE IN THE BRITISH ISLES.

The new locomotive, "Cock o' the North," which is described as being the most powerful passenger-train engine in the British Isles, was recently completed in the L.N.E.R. works at Doncaster. It has three cylinders fitted with poppet-valves, and a double chimney, in front of which is placed a new type of whistle. The boiler pressure amounts to 220 lb, per square inch. The new engine is to be used between Carlisle, Edinburgh, and Aberdeen.



THE "FLOATING PALACE" WHOSE MAGNIFICENT INTERIOR DECORATION IS ILLUSTRATED ON A DOUBLE-PAGE IN THIS NUMBER: THE STEAM-YACHT "SAVARONA."

On pages 770 and 771 we give photographs illustrating the magnificent interior decoration of the steam-yacht "Savarona," belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Cadwalader, Jr., of Philadelphia, and said to be the world's largest private pleasure-craft. She is 407 ft. long, with a maximum displacement of over 6100 tons. The ship was built by Messrs. Blohm and Voss at Hamburg. She has twice crossed the Atlantic, and has circled South America.—(By Courtesy of George Wilson and Co. (London), Ltd.)



THE NEW DURALUMIN MAST, OF NOVEL DESIGN, FOR THE YACHT "RAINBOW,"

A PROSPECTIVE "AMERICA'S" CUP DEFENDER, INSPECTED AT BALTIMORE.

The two photographs above relate to two American yachts to compete for the honour of defe the "America's" Cup against the British challenger. The "Yankee" was completely remodelled, a new bow and other improvements. The "Rainbow's" new mast is shown being inspected by to right) Messrs, Starling Burgess (designer), H. T. Vollmer, George A. Cormack (secretary, "Americup Committee), Lieut.-Com. R. N. S. Baker (U.S. Navy Department), James P. Keating, and Van Dusen. The mast is 165 ft. long, but weighs only 5685 lb. Its shape minimises wind - resist



THE GERMAN FLEET ASSEMBLED FOR SPRING MANGEUVRES: A GROUP OF BATTLE-SHIPS AND CRUISERS IN KIEL HARBOUR.

e German Fleet began its spring manœuvres, according to information supplied photograph, the whole force assembled in Kiel harbour. The war-ships (trom left to right) are the "pocket" battle-ship "Deutschland," the cruisers "Leipzig," and "Königsberg," the old battle-ships "Hessen" (partly hidden), ig-Holstein," and "Schlesien," and, in the foreground, the "Zahringen," an ex-battle-ship reconstructed as a wireless-controlled target-ship.



THE FRENCH AIR-LINER LOST IN THE CHANNEL: THE MACHINE AT CROYDON AERODROME, WITH WHICH THE PILOT COMMUNICATED. At about midday on May 9 an Air France Wibault monoplane, bound from Paris to London, disappeared while crossing the Channel, with a crew of three and three passengers. No definite traces were found, though search continued throughout the following night. At 12.19 p.m. the pilot had wirelessed to Croydon for his position, and was informed that he was 18½ miles W. by S. of Boulogne. As no S.O.S. signal was subsequently received, it was thought probable that the aeroplane might have struck; the sea unexpectedly while flying low during a dense fog.



RECENTLY) OF NEW STEEL-WORKS AT CORBY.

A notable development at the new steel-works of Stewarts and Lloyds, Ltd., at Corby, Northants, was inaugurated recently, when the first fire was lit in Blast Furnace No. 1. The lighting ceremony was performed by the chairman's eleven-year-old daughter, Miss Elspeth Macdiarmid. The incident was described as part of a £3,300,000 scheme.



A PRECURSOR OF THE BATH-CHAIR: A SEDAN-CHAIR IN THE COLONNADE AT The two photographs above provide a contrast in transport with the great locomotive at the top. The evolution of the Bath-chair has recently been illustrated by the display of various examples in the streets of Bath, its original home. The cab-like vehicle is said to have been built for Queen Victoria. The gilded sedan-chair recalls the days of Beau Nash.

WINDOW ON THE WORLD: NOTABLE EVENTS IN PICTURES.



MEMORIAL TO WILLIAM ADAMS, THE FIRST ENGLISHMAN TO REACH JAPAN

A MEMORIAL TO WILLIAM ADAMS, THE FIRST ENGLISHMAN TO REACH JAPAN, UNVELLED IN KENT BY THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR: THE SCENE AT GILLINGHAM. The Japanese Ambassador unveiled a memorial to William Adams, the first Englishman to touch Japan, at Gillingham on May 11. Adams was a native of that town. Representatives of the Navy, Army, and civic authorities were present at the ceremony. The memorial is an illuminated clock-tower which can be seen at night from as far down the river as Sheemess. The Japanese Ambassador said that Adams was not a mere English seafarer, but an eminent introducer into Japan of European science and civilisation and the true founder of Anglo-Japanese friendship.



A MEMORIAL TO WILLIAM ADAMS IN JAPAN: STEPS LEADING UP TO HIS TOMB; AND (RIGHT) A SHORT ACCOUNT OF HIS LIFE AND HIS SERVICES TO JAPAN.

ur second photograph forms the complement of the first. It shows the National Memorial ected by the Japanese people to Adams, near the place where he lived in the early days of the eventeenth century. On the right is a notice-board giving a brief biography of Adams, and history of the services he rendered to the Shogunate. At the top of the steps is a granite slab, stating that at the top of the mound is the tomb of Adams and his wife.

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A SHOOTING OUTRAGE IN A NEW YORK STREET—WHEN A POLICEMAN WAS KILLED AND PASSERS-BY (INCLUDING A BABY) WERE WOUNDED.

There was another gunman outrage in New York on May 4. Our photograph shows the scene in front of the restaurant at 94, Cherry Street, Manhattan, after a policeman had been shot dead and three bystanders, including a baby, had been injured by gunmen who had held up a wholesale grocery store nearby.



PRESENTED TO PRINCE GEORGE IN SOUTH AFRICA: LION CUBS GIVEN BY HIM TO THE "ZOO" AT EDINBURGH.

The correspondent who sends us this photograph notes that the lion cub seen in it were given to Prince George in South Africa. His Royal High ness has presented them to the Scottish National Zoological Park in Edin burgh. They arrived in London in the course of their journey from South Africa to Scotland on May 15. They are seen here being fed by the cap tain's daughter on board S.S. "Roek."



PREPARING A NOTABLE FEATURE OF THE ROYAL MILITARY TOURNAMENT, OLYMPIA: A REHEARSAL OF ONE OF THE MENT, OLYMPIA: A REHEARSAL OF ONE OF INCIDENTS IN THE BLACK WATCH DISPLAY.



"MONSTERS" WASHED UP IN WALES: FALSE KILLERS LEFT STRANDED BY THE TIDE-SEVEN BEING FOUND TO BE STILL ALIVE.

trange-looking denizens of the deep were washed ashore at Llanmadoc on May 7. It of them was stated to be about 18 ft. long; the smallest about half that size. A number 1 to be still alive on the following afternoon. Whales, huge porpoises, and "herring hogs" various suggested identifications of the "monsters"—which were, in fact, false killers. It is thought they were caught in shallow water by the swiftly ebbing tide.



THE ROYAL MARINES IN THE MILITARY TOURNAMENT: ANCIENT AND MODERN

UNIFORMS AT A REHEARSAL; INCLUDING A PIKEMAN AND A MARINE OF 1805.

It was arranged that the Royal Military Tournament should be opened on May 17. The chief set-piece, the Territorial Army's defence of London from air-attack, will be found illustrated by means of a fine drawing by one of our special artists, reproduced on pages 782 and 783. One of the other interesting features of the Tournament is the display given of incidents which have made the name of the Black Watch (the old 73rd Highlanders) famous.

PERSONALITIES OF THE WEEK: PEOPLE IN THE PUBLIC EYE.



D READING (LORD WARDEN OF THE CINQUE PORTS) AT HASTINGS TO OPEN NEW £32,000, "TRIPLE-DECK" PROMENADE: INSPECTING THE GUARD OF HONOUR. Reading opened the reconstructed promenade at Hastings on May 12, and received the lary freedom of the borough. The ceremony on the sea front took place in brilliant sunshine, was witnessed by a large crowd. Lord Reading, who was accompanied by Lady Reading, cut be at the entrance to the promenade and walked along the lower covered parade with the Mayor. The reconstruction of the promenade has been carried out at a cost of £32,000.



A PRELATE WHO IS EVER POPULAR WITH BRITISH YOUTH: THE BISHOP OF LONDON AT THE HERITAGE CRAFT SCHOOLS.

Dr. Winnington-Ingram, the Bishop of London, paid a visit to the Heritage Craft Schools Home at Tidemills, in Sussex, on May 12. He conducted a tour of inspection and various services, and made great friends with the boys. The Bishop, it is interesting to note, has just completed fifty years of ministry in the Church. He has ordained more than 2200 men. In order to commemorate the Bishop's jubilee year, a presentation will be made to him in June.



THE AMERICAN WALKER CUP VICTORY: FRANCIS OUIMET, THE U.S. CAPTAIN, WITH THE TROPHY.

America again won the Walker Cup, at St. Andrews, by nine matches to two, with one halved. One of the British amateurs to win his match was T. A. Torrance, a Scotsman practising in London as a dental surgeon, who beat the Philadelphia stock-broker, Max Marston. Another Scotsman, Eric McRuvie, halved his match, and in partnership with McLean gained the only British success in the foursomes.



M.P. (Labour) in the by-election Upton Division of West Ham, with a majority of 3464. The ion followed the resignation of otzner (National Conservative), majority was 5022 in 1931.



M. MENZHINSKY.

Head of the Soviet O.G.P.U. (Political Police). Died May 10; aged fifty-nine. Emigrated in 1907, returning to Russia, 1917; becoming successively Finance Commissar, Red Army Organiser, and Dzerzhinsky's successor in the O.G.P.U., 1926.



SIR L. FORESTIER-WALKER, BT. Unionist Member for Monmouthshire for sixteen years. Died May 13; aged sixty-eight. A Parliamentary Forestry Commissioner, 1919-29. Commissioner (unpaid) of the Board of Control, 1921-30. Chairman, Monmouth County Council, 1923.



LIEUT.-GEN. SIR H. UNIACKE. British artillery leader. Died May 14; aged sixty-seven. Received his first command of "heavies," 1915. Became artillery chief, the Fifth Army, 1916; and served with it in 1917 and 1918. Colonel Commandant, R.A., 1927.



UNVEILED BY THE DUKE OF YORK IN WESTMINSTER
ABBEY: A BUST OF ADAM LINDSAY GORDON.

The Duke of York, accompanied by the Duchess, unveiled the memorial to Adam Lindsay Gordon, the Australian poet, in Poets' Corner, Westminster Abbey, on May 11. The memorial consists of a bust by Lady Hilton-Young, and bears the inscription, "Adam Lindsay Gordon, National Poet of Australia.

Born 1833 — Died 1870." It stands between the memorials of Shakespeare and Chaucer, near that of Coleridge.



ARNHEM LAND MURDER BY AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINES: THE REV. A. J. DYER, WITH ONE OF THE BLACKS WHO SURRENDERED TO THE MISSIONARIES.

Japanese sailors were murdered by Australian aborigines at Caledon Bay (Arnhem Land, Australia), and subsequently Constable McColl was also killed. The Commonwealth Governat first contemplated sending an armed police party to search for the murderers, but later ed the offer of the Church Missionary Society to send a party of experienced missionaries tain their surrender. This party was successful, and the aborigines were brought into Darwin.



THE FOOTBALL MATCH BETWEEN ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOYS THE DUKE OF YORK PRESENTING CAPS TO YOUNG ENGLISH PLAYERS.

the 35,000 people assembled at Highbury on May 12 to see lads from elementary schools of cland meet those from Scotland at Association football. The Duke of York, attended by the Hon. W. E. Coke, was present at the match. England won by four goals to one. Butler, the English captain inside right, scored the first goal, while Cattell, the English centre forward, scored three times in the second half. McConnell scored the Scottish goal.



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THE KING'S "SANDRINGHAM SPARKS": A PRIZE, WINNING CLUMBER SPANIEL.

"Sandringham Sparks" belongs to his Majesty the King and he has a record that is already noteworthy: for example, he won three firsts at Cruft's Show last February. The Clumber, it may be added, is not only a dog of the best working type, but is gentle and affectionate. This the artist realised to the full when she made her picture of "Sandringham Sparks," when he was at the King's Lynn Dog Show last summer; and when she saw him again at Cruft's, looking a little bored with his host of admirers, he not only recognised her at once, but offered a paw in greeting.

FROM THE PICTURE BY EVELYN WATHERSTON.

A RESTORED GIORGIONE: THE VIENNA PORTRAIT IN ITS FULL GLORY.

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IDENTIFIED AS A DATED WORK OF GIORGIONE (ZORGO DA CASTELFRANCO; C. 1477-8—1510) PAINTED IN 1506, AND NOW RE-EXHIBITED AFTER RESTORATION: A PORTRAIT ENTITLED "LAURA," FROM THE LAUREL LEAVES ROUND THE HEAD.

This beautiful portrait, now accepted as an authentic work by Giorgione, has recently been restored and placed on view again in the Kunsthistorisches Museum at Vienna, to which institution we are indebted for our information. The picture is of great value and has had an interesting history. Formerly it was attributed to various masters, eventually to Boccacino, and lay for a long time in the Museum's storage depôt. An official of the Museum, however, curiously attracted to it despite the general indifference, persevered in an attempt to decipher an inscription on the back. At last he succeeded, and in 1931 published the result, which is stated to be as follows: "1506, on the first of June this was completed

by the hand of the master Zorzi da Castelfranco colleague of Master Vinzenzo Catena by order of Giacomo. . . " (The last word is illegible.) At the time the discovery aroused little interest, owing to the bad condition of the picture and disfiguration caused by Baroque alterations. The corners, originally square, had been cut off to fit it into an oval frame. It has now been replaced in a rectangular frame, perhaps the original one, and in the full glory of its vivid colouring, brought out by the restorer, it is attracting immense interest. The laurel leaves around the head presumably indicate the lady's name, "Laura," and under this title it now hangs as one of the treasures in the Vienna Gallery.

BOOKS

PROTESTS have been raised of late against the reckless use of the phrase "the next war," as tending to spread a belief that war is an inevitable recurring phenomenon. Up to that point I agree with the protests. We should not assume that war is an incurable malady, never to be eradicated from the world's "body politic." After all, the prevention of war should be easier than curing malignant diseases, for we can trace its causes, and the obvious remedies have been duly prescribed. The great difficulty is to persuade the patients to submit to the treatment. It would be equally false and mischievous, however, to assume that war will never happen again. It will happen again, unless nations co-operate to prevent however, to assume that war will never happen again. It will happen again, unless nations co-operate to prevent it, and even pacifists cannot help alluding to the prospect. By all means let us avoid the expression "the next war" (as who should say "next summer" or the "next General Election"), and say instead "any future war," or "another war, if it ever comes, which God forbid!"

Having thus drawn a fine but necessary distinction, I shall not be writ down a war-monger if I repeat the now commonplace opinion that any future war will probably be decided in the air. Personally, I dislike war as much as anybody—particularly the sort of war in which bombs may be dropped on my head!—but I realise that merely to express hatred of war does not help to prevent it. If air warfare is likely to occur again, we ought to be merely to express hatred of war does not help to prevent it. If air warfare is likely to occur again, we ought to be prepared for it, and we ought also to know what happened last time. The best source of information on that subject is the Official History of the Great War, of which there has just appeared a new instalment, entitled "The War IN THE AIR." Being the Story of the Part Played in the Great War by the Royal Air Force. Vol. IV. By H. A. Jones. With Appendices and eleven Maps (Oxford University Press and Humphrey Milford; 17s. 6d.). The maps would have been easier to handle if they had been detached and folded more simply in a pocket.

The period covered by this new volume is the year 1917 and the first four months of 1918, including the great German offensive of that spring. It contains very interesting accounts of the development of the naval air arm and aircraft carriers; of anti-submarine work by aircraft during the time of unrestricted U-boat warfare; of the naval air operations from Dunkirk; and of the part played by our gallant airmen in various battles on the Western Front. As a point of fairness to the British 5th Army, emphasis is laid on the fact, first revealed by a study of the air reports, that on the morning of the great German attack (March 21), the fog on that part of the front was worse than elsewhere, and the 5th Army thus lost the benefit of air reconnaissance. Among incidental passages of personal interest is the story of the career and death of the German "ace," Manfred von Richthofen.

While the official While the official history is, of course, the most authentic record, it is perhaps a little voluminous for the general reader, and there was room for a shorter and more persular back cutch as popular book, such as
"THE ROYAL AIR
FORCE." A Concise
History. By Captain
A. O. Pollard, V.C.
With twenty four With twenty - four Illustrations (Hutchinson; 18s.). He plunges at once into the war with the arrival of the first aeroplanes of the Royal Flying Corps in France on Aug. 13, 1914, and the bulk of the book tells the thrilling tale tells the thrilling tale of the part played by aircraft of various kinds during the next four years. The actual origin of the R.F.C. (formed early in 1912) and its pre-war development is mentioned briefly and parenthetically in the and its pre-war development is mentioned briefly and parenthetically in the first chapter. The concluding portion of the book recalls the drastic reduction of the R.A.F. after the Armistice, and describes its post-war activities, along with chapters on the theory of flight, the training

of flight, the training of pilots, how airmen find their way, and the nineteen aerial fighters awarded the Victoria Cross.

Both in this biographical chapter and elsewhere, Captain Pollard touches on the menace of the future. "It seems

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impossible," he says, "that any sane person who had any intimate experience of the last war can desire another one. Yet, until the nations of the world have evolved a practical scheme which will render war an impossibility, the fact has to be faced that we must be prepared to defend ourselves from an aggressor." In that event, he suggests, there will first be "a gigantic struggle for aerial supremacy



A DRAWING MADE BY GRAVELOT TO ILLUSTRATE "L'ENFANT PRODUCE "IN THE 1768 EDITION OF VOLTAIRE'S WORKS (GENEVA): "SI LA VERTU RÈGNE ENFIN DANS TON AME; JE SUIS TON PÈRE "—ONE FROM THE COMPLETE SET OF THESE DRAWINGS, WHICH WILL FIGURE IN THE FORTH-COMING BERALDI SALE.

before either side moves a single unit of ground troops," and "whichever side wins will be at such a tremendous advantage that it will be hopeless for the loser to attempt further resistance."

Air fighting does not entirely monopolise Captain Pollard's attention, and, incidentally, he reminds us that the public owes to R.A.F. pilots a debt which is, perhaps, insufficiently appreciated. "One routine job," he writes, "is carried through daily in all weathers. The Meteorological Office is under the control of the Air Ministry. . . . There is a special Meteorological Flight at Duxford, which sends a pilot twice a day to an average height of 25,000 feet. . . .

of 25,000 feet... Next time you hear those nicely modu-lated accents an-nounce: "Weather forecast for to-night and to-morrow . . .', think of the pilot who has been aloft in the ordinary course of his duty to find out whether you should carry an umbrella tomorrow or not. His work, performed un-ostentatiously . . . typifies the spirit of the Royal Air Force."

Although the knightly deeds of our airmen in the war make an epic of heroism, the ordinary reader is perhaps more attracted to civil flying, which may closely concern him both in work and recreation, than in a form of war-

than in a form of war-fare by which he and his might quite possibly be blown to smithereens. It is particularly true of aviation that

. . . Peace hath ther victories No less renown'd than war.

This Miltonic dictum is well exemplified in a book which is in every way worthy of its great subject, "The History of British Aviation," 1908-1914. By R. Dallas Brett. Late Honorary Secretary of the Cinque Ports Flying Club, Lympne. With sixty-four Plates (John Hamilton, Ltd.; 21s.). In this excellent work, which leaves off at the date (August 1914) where Captain Pollard's history begins, we get the whole story of pre-war flying in this country, including the inception of the R.F.C. The mass of information which the author has collected and welded into a readable narrative, with much tabular matter, is evidently the result of infinite care and research, while the numerous and beautifully produced photographs are in themselves of great historic interest. As a work of reference also, the book should be invaluable. For me, by the way, it has a particular appeal, because it takes me back to a time when, living at Hendon, I attended one of the early aviation meetings there, and saw Paulhan fly over my house at the start of the historic race with Grahame-White to Manchester. I remember also how my girls were among those who swarmed round Gustav Hamel with autograph books.

Despite the great contribution of the R.A.F. to the progress of flight, the actual war, it seems, was in some respects a retarding influence. "The War," writes Mr. Brett, "deflected the progress of aviation from the broad road to success along which it was sweeping with gathering velocity early in 1914 into a lane which led nowhere. The War dealt practical aviation a blow which knocked it senseless for eleven years, and it was not until 1925 that consciousness returned, and people began to take up flying again, on aeroplanes which had much the same performance as those in use in 1914. . . . During 1913, English people were flocking to learn to fly. . . This very advanced stage of development had been reached in the incredibly short space of five years. It is the story of this astonishing period that I tell in this book. It is the story of Great Britain's part in the initial conquest of a new element by the human race."

Some of the flying celebrities mentioned by Mr. Brett bear names distinguished in other pursuits, in which he is not concerned. Thus he does not mention the relationship (if any) of Mrs. Maurice Hewlett to the novelist of that name, whether Harry Hawker was of Cornish descent, or whether Cecil Grace belonged to the famous cricketing family. I am reminded of the last-named by a timely little memoir in that popular series, Great Lives,—"W. G. Grace." By Bernard Darwin (Duckworth; 2s.). It may not be generally remembered that "W. G." lived to see the outbreak of war, and the account of his last days at Mottingham, in October 1915, has an association with air warfare. "His weakness," we read, "was enhanced by the shock of an air-raid in the neighbourhood. Probably the last of his cricketing friends to talk to him was Mr. Leveson-Gower, who was stationed nearby and came over to see him. He said that the air raids worried him. 'You can't be frightened by aeroplanes, old man,' said his visitor. 'You who had Jones bowling through your beard.' 'That was different,' he answered. 'I could see that Jones, and see what he was at. I can't see the aeroplanes.'" Some of the flying celebrities mentioned by Mr. Brett

In connection with the allusion made above to weather In connection with the allusion made above to weather reports, I must mention briefly three books of special interest to students of meteorology. The most recent of these is "Weather." The Nature of Weather Changes from Day to Day. By the Hon. Ralph Abercromby. New Edition, Revised and largely rewritten by A. H. R. Goldie (Kegan Paul; ros. 6d.). Honourable mention of Abercromby's work is to be found in "The Drama of Weather." By Sir Napier Shaw, sometime President of the International Meteorological Committee.

International Meteorological Committee. With many photographs and pictorial diagrams. (Cambridge University Press; 7s. 6d.). These books will enable us to talk about the weather more learnedly than the lady of whom the lady of Praed sang—

But to be linked in life to her !-The desperate man who

tried it

Might marry a Bar-ometer, And hang himself be-

side it!

Another interesting meteorological work is associated with scien-tific ballooning, and is entitled "Exploring THE UPPER ATMOS-PHERE." By Dorothy Fisk. Introduction Fisk. Introduction by Henry Leopold Brose. Illustrated by Leonard Starbuck (Faber 5s.).—C. E. B.



AN ENGRAVING AFTER A FRAGONARD DRAWING REPRODUCED ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE: ONE OF THE ILLUSTRATIONS TO THE MAGNIFICENT LA FONTAINE, PUBLISHED BY DIDOT IN 1795, WHICH WILL FIGURE IN THE FORTHCOMING BERALDI SALE.

IN THE FORTHCOMING BERALDI SALE.

The engraving after Fragonard illustrated here is contained in the superb "Contes et Nouvelles en Vers" (by La Fontaine) published by Didot in 1795. The original drawing is reproduced on the page facing this one. It forms one of fifty-seven executed by Fragonard about 1780. These drawings will all figure in the forthcoming Beraldi sale in Paris.



A DRAWING MADE BY MOREAU LE JEUNE TO ILLUSTRATE VOLTAIRE'S "LA PUCELLE": ONE OF THE THIRTY ORIGINAL DESIGNS FOR THE 1789 EDITION (ÉDITION DE KEHL); TO BE DISPERSED WITH THE BERALDI LIBRARY.

FRAGONARDS TO BE AUCTIONED IN PARIS-IN A "MILLION FRANC" SET.

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DRAWINGS MADE BY FRAGONARD, ABOUT 1780, AS ILLUSTRATIONS TO LA FONTAINE—FOUR OF THE FIFTY-SEVEN THAT ARE TO BE AUCTIONED AS PART OF THE CONTENTS OF THE BERALDI LIBRARY.

The famous library of M. Henri Beraldi is to be dispersed at a sale arranged for May 29 and the three days following, at the Galerie Charpentier, 76, Rue de Faubourg St. Honoré, Paris. It is celebrated not only for the magnificent bindings and the historic volumes to be found in it, but for a number of works of art of the greatest interest. Certain of these are illustrated here and on the opposite page. The most important are the fifty-seven drawings made by Fragonard to illustrate fables of La Fontaine, seen here. "The Fragonard drawings," M. Henri Beraldi wrote, "were carried out somewhere about the year 1780, for Bergeret, while the

artist was travelling in Italy with this farmer-general. . . . Fragonard first worked out his idea on paper in a rapid, stimulating sketch with the lead pencil. . . . Then he made a transfer . . . and it is on this version that he carried out his arresting designs in sepia. Evidence of the pencil-tracing can still be made out beneath the wash." The Fragonard drawings were bound up, probably by Bergeret's directions, with a long-hand manuscript of the various fables that the drawings illustrated. Twenty-two were engraved as illustrations to Didot's La Fontaine. Experts consider a million france a not improbable figure as the price of these drawings.



HERE are three notable pieces of needlework from the collection of Sir Frederick Richmond, whose judgment in these matters requires no recommendation to readers of this page. They have been chosen, first, because they are exceedingly good of their kind, and secondly because they seem to me—and anyone who likes is hereby invited to disagree—to illustrate exceedingly well the difference between the work of the professional and the amateur artist. Let it be granted that all three were actually worked by

amateurs: I suggest that the first was designed by a professional, the third carried out by an amateur more or less after an already existing picture, while the second sprang wholly from the imagination of the needlewoman—not in its details, which are charmingly (aprilles and found in progression).

A PAGE FOR COLLECTORS.

PROFESSIONAL AND AMATEUR NEEDLEWORKERS.

By FRANK DAVIS.

border is worked in long and satin stitch with conventional birds, animals, and flowers. By comparison with Fig. 1 it has obvious faults in design—the border, for example, bears no particular relation to

shrubs in the foreground. So much for the accessories. The actors achieve something of those stylised mannerisms we associate with Sir Nigel Playfair's Hammersmith tradition: the two women (top right), one



I. A FINE LATE-SIXTEENTH-CENTURY TAPESTRY VALANCE THAT YIELDS STRONG EVIDENCE OF THE HAND OF A PROFESSIONAL — AT LEAST, IN THE DESIGN: AN ALLEGORICAL COMPOSITION, SHOWING TIME AND PLENTY IN THE CENTRE; PLEASURE (REPRESENTED BY A SEMI-NUDE FEMALE) TO THE RIGHT; GAMING ON THE EXTREME RIGHT; AND, ON THE LEFT, A BEGGAR BEFORE A RICH MAN'S HOUSE. (5 FT. 9 IN. BY I FT. 6 IN.)

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2. A SEVENTEENTH-CENTURY NEEDLEWORK PICTURE OF "THE JUDGMENT OF SOLOMON," REPRESENTED IN VIVIDLY IMAGINED INCIDENTS. (2 FT. BY I FT. 6 IN.)

of its period, but in the way they are combined together.

Let us examine each one fairly carefully. Fig. 1 is a late sixteenth-century valance, 5 ft. 9 in. by 1 ft. 6 in., in petit-point of very bright colours in which red, blue, green, and yellow predominate; an elaborate allegory with Time and Plenty in the centre, on the right Pleasure (a semi-nude female figure) and Gaming (four men at a checker-board). On the left is a beggar before a wealthy man's house in which a feast spread-in short, a rich, well-balanced composition, its details well spaced and its perspective accurate. It is the sort of subject especially dear to the taste of the times, which had its counterpart in literature in a thousand masks and entertainments devised for the pleasure of Elizabeth, James I., and Charles I., to which the very greatest (for example, Milton in "Comus") were proud to lend a hand. We have rather lost the feeling for such allegorical fare—we prefer the dynamic genius of Mr. Walt Disney to the rather more static imagination of Ben Jonsonbut there is no doubt that our ancestors derived immense satisfaction from it. I rather think that to appreciate this valance fully one should read the account of the pageants provided for Queen Elizabeth on her progress through the City (see Professor Neale's recently published book). However, the point at the moment is not so much the meaning of this very distinguished piece of needlework, but its origin. It was surely designed by a very competent professional artist, possibly some Flemish emigrant: the figure of Pleasure alone is convincing proof of this statement.

Fig. 3 (2 ft. by 1 ft. 6 in.) is a finely embroidered oval panel in long and satin stitch in brilliant colouring. Subject—a very decorous Susanna with two maids and the two elders beneath the tree which enabled Daniel to prove his case. In the background is a castle, birds, and animals; in the foreground, fish. This panel is framed by a looped garland, while the

the scene represented : the maker reproduced picture and then filled in the available space with the moustachioed lions, fiercely heraldic birds, lions, and other fauna and flora which were by this time commonplaces of the patternbooks. None the less, this panel is sophistication itself beside Fig. 2, which has all the naïveté and dramatic gesture which characterises the drawing of small children before they are seized upon by grownup people and self-conscious and shy and taught sets of rules. The story is told with economy and point, and the whole affair is most engaging.

For example, I like the smoke rising from

the chimneys of the castle; the jolly, unmistakably cheerful sun above the clouds; the windmill; the caterpillars and creepy-crawlies; the dog and the hare poised for ever on their hind-legs; the odd flowering

carrying the baby, are marching to the court with a proper solemnity and an excessive sense of their own dignity; at the steps of the throne they are becomingly eloquent, and Solomon is at once polite and firm. The two soldiers on the right are very alert, just balanced forward on their toes; while the third—whose heels, by the way, seem just too high for comfort—is evidently prepared to do his horrid work with his left hand. Three bearded counsellors, elegant and aloof, fill a convenient space on the left—and the needlewoman has been at pains to give them less pointed beards than those of the king or his guards. Date—early seventeenth century; figures—satin stitch of bright colouring, soldiers' uniforms of metal thread, foliage and tent canopy in bullion; while the flowers, animals, and insects are worked in both satin stitch and bullion.

Feminine leisure is no longer occupied almost exclusively with needlework and gossip; nor does the great house of to-day give regular employment to two or three sewing-maids, who would aid the mistress and her daughters in their never-ending labours. The modern valance is carried out in different material in a highly organised and extremely efficient factory, and the modern descendant of the unknown who designed this particular example (Fig. 1) is also anonymous; fashions change infinitely quicker, and materials and colours are less lasting. No doubt a good deal of the very finest modern work will survive; as such it will take its place next to such things as Fig. 1. It will not deal in the same sort of allegorical fantasy, but it may give our descendants something of the same shock of pleased surprise which we experience in the face of a composition so well balanced both in form and colour.

What we shall not leave to posterity will be the childish and delightful dreams of Fig. 2, for this type of agreeable nonsense is not encouraged any more, so far as I know. This is not a lament but a statement of fact (after all, what has posterity done for us that we should bother about it?) but the thought does give a very real sentimental value above its intrinsic merit to pretty survivals of this character; and that is partly why, of course, they are so greatly sought after.

Perhaps it should be emphasised once again that there were few painters in the sixteenth and early-seventeenth centuries, and most of those painters were bad. Needlework pictures were made expressly to decorate the walls, and were really important adjuncts to a room.



3. A FINELY EMBROIDERED PANEL IN WHICH THE HAND OF THE AMATEUR IS BETRAYED BY THE SOMEWHAT INCONGRUOUS CHARACTER OF THE BORDER DESIGN: SUSANNA AND THE ELDERS, EMBROIDERED IN BRILLIANT COLOURS; THE BORDER CONTAINING A NUMBER OF NAIF AND CHARMING FIGURES, PROBABLY DRAWN FROM PATTERN BOOKS OF THE PERIOD. (SEVENTEENTH CENTURY; 2 FT. BY I FT. 6 IN.)



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SALZBURG-AND ITS FESTIVAL OF MUSIC.

SALZBURG—AND ITS FESTIVAL OF MUSIC.

NE of the chief attractions Austria has to offer the tourist during the coming summer is the Musical Festival in Salzburg, which will open on July 28 and continue until Sept. 2, thus giving lovers of music in this country a splendid opportunity of spending their summer holidays in a delightful district of Austria, amidst romantic beauty, and in a climate which, owing to the nearness of the mountains, is extremely healthy in the summer-time. Salzburg has a splendid setting, by the Salzach, where the river leaves the narrow valley along which it traverses the Alps and enters the Alpine foreland. The mountains tower south and east, whilst north and west the plain expands, and in the midst, on the slopes of a lovely hill, Salzburg challenges the right of way, as it has done from pre-Roman times, and,



SALZBURG: A PHOTOGRAPH ILLUSTRATING ITS LOVELY SITUATION BY. THE RIVER SALZACH.

from figuring as a Roman fortress against barbarians from the north, then as one of the early German centres of Christianity, to stand forth as a stronghold of resistance to the Reformation, and the scene of church

stronghold of resistance to the Reformation, and the scene of church splendour under its Prince-Archbishops' rule, it has become a great centre of music, to which, with its old-world air, its sense of repose, and the beauty of its surroundings, it offers a home which is eminently suitable.

Here, in this birthplace of the immortal Mozart, during the coming season, famous works of many of the great masters of music will be given—Beethoven's "Fidelio," Mozart's "Figaro," "Cosi Fan Tutte," and "Don Giovanni"; Wagner's "Tristan and Isolde," Weber's "Oberon," and a Richard Strauss cycle, embracing the following operas, "Elektra," "The Woman Without a Shadow," "Helen of Egypt," and "Der Rosenkavalier," in celebration of the celebrated composer's seventieth birthday. The various operas will be conducted by Dr. Richard Strauss, Clemens Strauss, and Bruno Walter, and there will be, in addition, orchestral concerts conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham, Wilhelm Furtwängler, Vittorio Gui,

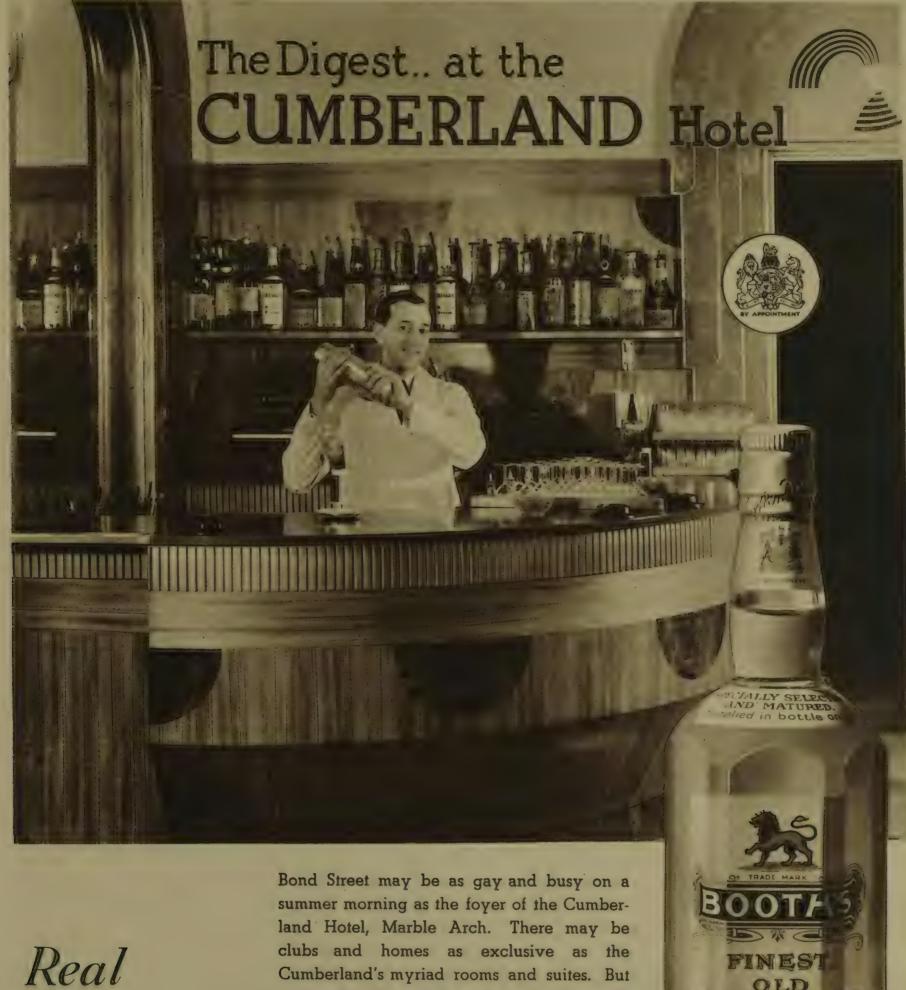


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Clemens Strauss, Willem Mengelberg, Richard Strauss, Arturo Toscanini, Clemens Strauss, Willem Mengelberg, Richard Strauss, Arturo Toscanini, and Bruno Walter; Cathedral concerts conducted by Joseph Messner, and Mozart-Serenades, in the courtyard of the ancient residence of the Prince-Archbishop, conducted by Bernhard Paumgartner; whilst Max Reinhardt will produce his world-famous open-air performances of Hofmannsthal's "Everyman" and Goethe's "Faust."

There is much of interest to see in Salzburg—the fine old fortress of Hohensalzburg, the seventeenth-century Cathedral, one of the largest and most perfect specimens of Renaissance in Germanic countries, and bounded on three sides by open squares, which enable its beauty to be appreciated

most perfect specimens of Renaissance in Germanic countries, and bounded on three sides by open squares, which enable its beauty to be appreciated to the full; the Benedictine Abbey of St. Peter, the Franciscan Church, the old and new residences of the Archbishops, the fifteenth-century town wall, and the Mozart Museum; whilst delightful excursions are to the Castle of Heilbrunn, the Gaisberg, the Untersberg, the Salzkammergut and its lovely lakes, the ice caves at Werfen, and the gorge at Liechtensteinklamm. Hotels in Salzburg are many and good, with moderate prices, and the journey thereto, by way of Paris and Zurich, is an easy and comfortable one.



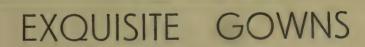
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"SCHWANDA," AT COVENT GARDEN.

It is a long time since we have seen at Covent Garden such an operatic work as the Czecho-Slovakian folk-opera "Schwanda," composed by Weinberger and first performed at Prague in 1927. Owing to the fact that Weinberger, although a Czecho-Slovak, is not apparently of the purest Aryan descent, his opera "Schwanda," although it was one of the most successful of modern operas, is no longer performed in Germany. Our Covent Garden management were thus able to buy the whole of the Berlin Opera House's setting. It is the scenery, the costumes, and the plot which provide the chief attraction of "Schwanda." Musically, it cannot be said to have the slightest importance; but Weinberger, who is a properly trained musician (he was a pupil of Max Reger), has known how to combine and dress out his eclectic material with sufficient adroitness to please an average musical public. The best of his material consists of Czecho-Slovakian folktunes, and there is a waltz which I shall expect to hear in every restaurant in London.

But even the gay, multi-coloured scenery and costumes, and the efficient production and the folk-tunes, would not be sufficient in themselves to make "Schwanda" the success with the audience which it undoubtedly was, had it not been for the almost farcical drollery of the plot. It took the Covent Garden audience on the first night the better part of three scenes before they realised that this was not "grand opera," to which one had to give a serious and concentrated attention, but a grand operatic farce. It was when Schwanda told his peasant wife, Dorota, that he had not kissed the Queen, and, adding gratuitously, "may the Devil take me if I gave her



"SCHWANDA" AT COVENT GARDEN—ITS FIRST PERFORMANCE IN ENGLAND:
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one kiss," instantly disappeared down a trap-door into Hell, that the audience finally grasped the character of the piece and allowed themselves to relax and to laugh heartily.

They were promptly rewarded in the next act by the most magnificently farcical scene in Hell that I have ever witnessed on the stage. A splendidly comic and Falstaffian Devil with a long tail, on which Schwanda trod with impunity, is the real attraction of this opera. The Devil is bored; so bored that he is playing patience, and his only other alleviation is Schwanda's playing upon his bagpipe. The actual dramatic material of this act may seem very slight, but on the stage it is adroitly handled and is consistently amusing. The happy ending, with the Devil and Schwanda the best of friends, and Schwanda's wife, Dorota, restored to her husband, is thoroughly in keeping with the character of the piece. The audience had been put into a very good humour, and they are left in this benevolent mood when the curtain falls. As an entertainment, "Schwanda" ought to be a great draw and bring the management of Covent Garden a good return, which I hope they will spend on better works.

The acting of Paul Schoeffler (Schwanda), Viorica Ursuleac (Dorota), and Berthold Sterneck (the Devil) was admirable. As for the singing—well, it is impossible to judge the singing in an opera which, musically speaking, is only on the level of, say, "The Golden Toy," at the Coliseum. This means that it is competent music admirably suited to its purpose, but it would be ridiculous to treat it as if it were on the same plane as that of the great operatic masters whose work we are accustomed to hear at Covent Garden.

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M. ROBERT LATHROP GORR has written to me from Iowa City, U.S.A., asking some questions which are of general interest to those abroad and at home in regard to British cars. I am pleased to answer these, because we want all the visitors that we can get to come and see our country, and also to buy British goods, when they can. His first question is, "Why have English cars such low h.p. ratings?" The answer is that tax rates are have English cars such low h.p. ratings?" The answer is that tax rates are £1 per h.p. rating, and that insurance rates follow the road tax, so that practically most motorists have to pay £2 per rated h.p. They have also to pay 8d. per gallon tax on petrol (gasoline); consequently the great mass of motorists with incomes of a few hundred pounds a year buy cars of 8-h.p. to 12-h.p. rating, as they cannot afford to run larger ones. Hence British motor manufacturers cater for this market with cars having a low petrol consumption—

40 to 32 miles per gallon—and a small road licence tax.

Question No. 2 is, "What is an average day's pleasure drive in miles in Great Britain?" This, of course, varies, as longer journeys are made in Scotland and Ireland than in England and Wales. But, while my American correspondent informs me that it is nothing for their motorists to get up and



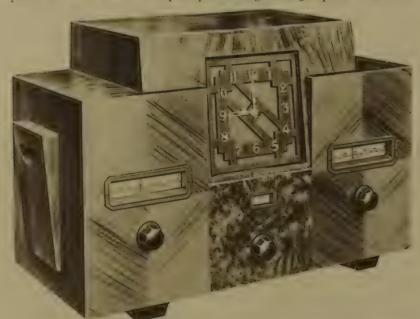
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Another question is about the speed at which private cars are driven. Here

Another question is about the speed at which private cars are driven. Here in England speed at the moment is a dangerous topic to write about, with a in England speed at the moment is a dangerous topic to write about, with a threatened 30 miles an hour limit on 50 per cent. (nearly) of the main roads of Great Britain. But British cars on the whole, whether 8 h.p. or 50 h.p., are proportionately faster than the U.S.A. vehicles, so that some are capable of speeds up to 90 miles an hour and over. But, as this country is densely populated, and the roads are seldom straight for more than 4 miles at a stretch, our average speeds, say, journeying from London to Edinburgh—400 miles—is about 35 miles an hour, with "bursts" at 50 m.p.h. up to the maximum speed of the car in use—about 70 m.p.h. for large and 65 m.p.h. for small cars.



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been placed before the pedestal and a bitumen-lined drain fitted to its side, presumably to draw off libations. In the nearer shrine a row of square brick bases, two standing free and two against the walls, were placed in front of the pedestal as if to support statues or a screen. The exact meaning of such details has still to be carefully investigated, especially as these buildings are the first of their type to be found. The general character of the shrines is clear, and is corroborated by the extraordinary objects discovered in them.

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These objects were neatly packed together and evidently buried with some care beneath the floor on either side of the pedestal for the god's statue. It is clear that this happened each time that the temple fabric was overhauled and repaired. On those occasions a new floor of stamped earth, from 4 to 20 inches above the level of the previous one, was put down, and votive offerings, temple furniture, and similar objects where damaged or no learner required that which could not be thrown a very since. longer required, but which could not be thrown away, since they had once been consecrated, were collected and buried they had once been consecrated, were collected and buried beneath this new floor. The objects thus discovered are of a most extraordinary nature. Those found in the far shrine of Fig. 14 are shown in our Colour Plate on page 778; they suggest that the Great Mother Goddess was worshipped in this particular shrine; they included, for instance, such an essentially feminine object as a copper mirror. There was also found there a necklace of very large serpentine and alabaster beads, together with some stampseals; and a unique pectoral of green stone, engraved with a male figure surrounded by dogs and snakes. The style of engraving is entirely un-Babylonian, but recalls work of the Persian highlanders, whose snow-capped mountains are visible from Tell Asmar on a clear day. It is interesting to note that the dogs seem to be Selukis (or Persian greyhounds), such as are still used for hunting gazelles (Fig. 13). Beside this was an ivory figure of the lion-headed eagle Imgi taking wing, symbol of the Lord of Fertility (top of Colour Plate p. 778). With the figure of Imgi was a small marble violin-shaped figurine of the Mother-Goddess, of the type known in the Cyclades early in the third Millennium B.C., a most unexpected object to find in Mesopotamia (middle of Colour Plate p. 778). But no doubt Transcaucasia and Anatolia are the original homeland of this type of mother-goddess statuette, and its occurrence at Tell Asmar proves that relations were kept up between our region and the mountains in the far north. Other objects include exquisite human figures cut out of mother-of-pearl and shell, and used as inlays in plaques of schist, into which they were fastened with bitumen, thus acquiring a dull, dark background which set off the delicacy of colour and carving to the best advantage. The hair of the figures was also picked out with bitumen (top corners and bottom of Colour Plate p. 777). Numerous fragments of magnificent goblets and bowls of veined serpentine or translucent alabaster lay mingled with quantities of small quartz pebbles and natural stones, which had no doubt been carried to the shrine by poor devotees as homage to the god, a custom still prevalent in certain parts of the Near East. A few pieces of sculpwhich had no doubt been carried to the shrine by poor devotees as homage to the god, a custom still prevalent in certain parts of the Near East. A few pieces of sculpture were also found, including the fore-parts of bulls and rams with inlaid eyes, cut out to fit a dowel (left bottom corner of Colour Plate p. 778); these had served as terminals to the arm-rests of thrones; and this stone-work impressed us both by the excellence of its workmanship and a strangeness easily explicable in a level of culture hitherto almost unknown.

Nothing had prepared us, however, for the revelation in the second shrine of our temple of a group of no fewer than twelve complete statues (See Fig. 7), all in an unparalleled state of preservation, ranging in height from

I2 to 30 inches. The most serious damage was only that of cracks due to the pressure of earth, which in the course of five millennia had piled above the spot where they lay packed together, so closely that this pressure had actually caused an impression of part of a marble statue to be left on the skirt of a softer statue (made of alabaster) below it. Here, for the first time, we obtained a full impression of the polychrome effect of Sumerian sculpture (Colour Plate p. 777). The faces were strongly set off by the black hair, to which bituminous paint was still adhering. The men wore long locks, hanging before the shoulders, and long wavy beards, cut square at the ends. The eyes were inlaid, the eyeballs being made of shell and the pupils of bitumen or lapis lazuli. The variety in the statues is extraordinary, and is not only caused by the diversity of subject; it is true that one represents a woman (Fig. 5) with 'elaborately plaited coiffure; and another a priest (Fig. 11) with shaven head and face. But most striking is the difference of sculptural achievement between the various members of the group. In some the attitude of prayer and humility is magnificently expressed (as in Fig. 2). There is a striking absence of that tradition of the workshops which in Egypt gives a character of competency even to mediocre work. There may be several causes for this wide diversity of quality and style; the early date of the work is one, the rarity of stone another, since even the work of pupils had an intrinsic value which made it marketable, while in Egypt the unlimited supply of limestone provided a cheap material for the detailed schooling which we know the sculptors to have undergone. On the other hand, our early Sumerian carvers worked their material with a boldness undreamt of in Egypt. The arms were cut free from the body, and so often also were the ankles and legs, which were thus made to carry the full weight of the heavy bodies without the help of a "back pillar." In some cases the legs were therefore made unnatur

some cases the legs were therefore made unnaturally heavy (Colour Plate on page 777).

Three statues render superhuman beings, each without parallel among known Babylonian works of art. The smallest of the three is an incomplete figure of golden alabaster, anciently repaired after it had been broken in the middle (Figs. 3 and 4). It represents a bearded man with a large head-dress, hollowed like the head of a modern candlestick. It obviously formed a piece of temple furniture, and, as in the case of the three copper statues found some years ago at Khafaje, it seems that a mythical and not a human figure was thought appropriate to serve the god. Our figure kneels on both knees and is naked except for a girdle. An important detail, which we could not observe with precision in the case of the Khafaje statues because of the corrosion of the metal, is now clear: the Sumerians, in contrast with the Egyptians and with the Semites, did not practise circumcision.

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contrast with the Egyptians and with the Semites, did not practise circumcision. The other two statues are equally unusual, and are the first Sumerian cult-statues ever found (Front Page and Colour Plate p. 777). One represents the great Mother-Goddess; a miniature figure of her son is let into the base. The other actually renders the Lord of Life (see also Fig. 12), to whom temples were dedicated here the Lord of Life (see also Fig. 12), to whom temples were dedicated here through many centuries: his emblems are engraved on the base of the statue: we see two ibexes and plants, symmetrically arranged, and between them the lion-headed eagle, Imgi; here alone, amongst all known representations, he is shown as not attacking the animals above which he hovers, since they, like himself, signify the ing the animals above which he hovers, since they, like himself, signify the god. This is the meaning, for instance, of the antelope and flowering twig incised in the exceptionally fine seal of serpentine cut in the shape of a lion's head (Fig. 17). The hands of the god and goddess, like those of some of the worshippers, hold a cup. Thus they are depicted as though partaking of a feast, which is often represented on plaques (Fig. 15) and on cylinder seals of later periods, and is elaborately described in the texts of Gudea and other rulers, a feast following the connubium of god and goddess which ensures the fertility of crops and herds during the twelve months to follow, and which is therefore the most important event of the fore the most important event of the

But though the attitude and dress of worshippers and gods may be similar, the impression which the statues make is entirely different in the two cases. It is totally inadequate to point out the most striking distinction, which consists in the unnatural size of the eyes of god and goddess, though it is true enough that they add to the impression of superhuman vitality and force which the god's statue especially evokes. The illustrations convey something of the success with which the ancient sculptor expressed his feelings of awe and veneration in the work of his hands. But though the attitude and dress



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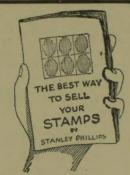
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In Budapest there has been a national philatelic exhibition on a large scale during the first fortnight of this month, and the Hungarian Postal Department has assisted in this event by providing a special printing of small souvenir sheets of one stamp each of the current 20 filler with the familiar portrait of the composer Liszt. As the border of the sheet indicates (to those who know the Magyar tongue), the exhibition marks the jubilee of the leading national philatelic society of Hungary.

From Italy also comes a set of four stamps issued for the Colonial Fair held at Milan last month. They are produced by photogravure in a design representing Mercury holding.

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orange-vermilion, 30c. deep-green, 50c. indigo, and 1.25 lire deep-blue.
Roumania, having just had an exhibition of domestic works, took the occasion to provide a small set of three photogravure stamps of 1, 2, and 3 lei to commemorate it.
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The most beautiful set of new stamps I have to record this month is the series issued to mark the centenary of St. Helena. They are finely engraved by Messrs. Bradbury Wilkinson and Co., Ltd., and printed in two operations each. The designs embody many local subjects, which tell a story far too long for this chronicle. I merely give the titles: ½d., Lot and printed in two operations each. The designs embody many local subjects, which tell a story far too long for this chronicle. I merely give the titles: ½d., Lot and Lot's wife; Id., Plantation scene, and portraits of William IV., Queen Victoria, Edward VII. and King George V.; 1½d., The four Sovereigns and map of the island; 2d., Four Sovereigns and view of Jamestown; 1s., View of Mundens; 2s. 6d., St. Helena with halo and cross; 5s., High Knoll; 1os., Four Sovereigns and Colonial badge.

The new Rajah Brooke stamps for Sarawak, heralded some months ago, have now appeared, and present a very good portrait of H.H. Sir Charles Vyner Brooke. Enthusiasts who wish to know how to sell stamps would do well to acquire from Stanley Gibbons Ltd., 391, Strand, a free copy of "The Best Way to Sell Your Stamps."



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